

MINUTES
OF THE
SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
AT THEIR
SESSIONS, IN CAMDEN, S. C.,
NOVEMBER, 1849.
WITH
AN APPENDIX.

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OF SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

FIRST SESSION.

CAMDEN, S. C., November 15, 1849. }
Thursday, 7 o'clock, P. M. }

The Synod of South Carolina met, according to adjournment, in the Presbyterian Church, Camden, and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. J. Brown, Moderator, from 2 Cor. 5 ch., 19—21 vv. "To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them, and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us; we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

Constituted with prayer.

PRESENT.

From the Presbytery of South Carolina.

Ministers.—D. Humphreys, W. H. Davis, J. McLees, E. F. Hyde.

Ruling Elders.—S. N. Evins, Nazareth; W. Phillips, Liberty Spring; J. B. Bull, Willington; A. O. Norris, Anderson C. H.

From the Presbytery of Bethel.

Ministers.—W. B. Davies, P. E. Bishop, J. H. Saye, D. J. Auld, J. R. Gilland, W. Banks, F. Jacobs, E. P. Palmer, A. W. Miller.

Ruling Elders.—J. H. Crawford, Fishing Creek and Cedar Shoals; W. Wallace, Catholic and Pleasant Grove; W. B. Dunlap Hopewell; J. S. Barnett, Ebenezer and Unity; T. J. Steen, Fairforest and Cane Creek; L. Z. Williamson, Waxhaw, Lancasterville, and Six Mile Creek.

From the Presbytery of Harmony.

Ministers.—S. S. Davis, D. D., W. Brearly, P. Pierson, T. R. English, J. Brown, J. P. McPherson, W. M. Reid, E. Cater, J. J. DuBose, S. Donnelly, J. C. Coit, G. C. Gregg, J. A. Wallace, W. W. Wilson.

Ruling Elders.—D. Milling, Lebanon; J. E. Caldwell, Mt. Olivet; J. Bookman, Horeb; J. Barnes, Beaver Creek; A. K. Craig, Aimwell; C. J. Shannon, Camden; W. E. James, Darlington; E. W. Green, Bishopville; S. E. Wilson, Mt. Zion; S. A. Burgess, Midway; S. E. Gregg, Hopewell; M. P. Mayes, Salem, (Black River;) D. Bethune, Pine Tree; W. McCutchen, Hephzibah.

From the Presbytery of Charleston.

Ministers.—A. W. Leland, D. D., G. Howe, D. D., T. Smyth, D. D., J. B. Adger, J. Douglas, B. M. Palmer, A. A. Porter, W. L. Hughes.

Ruling Elders.—J. Caldwell, Glebe-street, Charleston; S. Clark, Beech Island.

ABSENT.

Presbytery of South Carolina.—Hugh Dickson, A. W. Ross, J. Hillhouse, W. Carlile, J. L. Kennedy, E. T. Buist, P. H. Folker, S. B. Lewers, D. M. Turner, J. F. Gibert, W. McWhorter, J. McKittrick, T. L. McBride, Z. L. Holmes, C. B. Stewart, S. S. Gailard, J. B. Hillhouse, J. C. Williams.

Presbytery of Bethel.—R. B. Walker, S. L. Watson, L. W. Curtis, W. P. Harrison, J. R. Baird, J. M. Anderson.

Presbytery of Harmony.—J. Harrington, J. C. McFarland, A. Bui, J. L. Wilson, M. D. Fraser, D. McQueen, D. Frierson.

Presbytery of Charleston.—E. Palmer, J. H. Thornwell, D. D., J. Wallace, J. B. Dunwody, S. H. Hay, J. L. Merriek.

CHURCHES NOT REPRESENTED.

Presbytery of South Carolina.—Greenville, Hopewell, (Keowee,) Richland, Goodhope, Roberts, Broadaway, Midway, Mt. Zion, Carmel, Bethel, Nazareth, (Beaverdam,) Fairview, North Pacolet, Bethany, Upper Long Cane, Lebanon, Hopewell, Little Mountain, Friendship, Varennes, Mt. Tabor, Antioch, New Harmony, Providence, Rocky River, Duncan's Creek, Rocky Spring, Little River, Rock Church, Warrior's Creek, Greenville C. H., Bethesda, Pickens C. H., Laurens C. H., Avaleigh, Smyrna, Gilder's Creek, Mt. Calvary, Spartanburg C. H.

Presbytery of Bethel.—Bethel, Salem, Yorkville, Beersheba, Bullock's Creek, Purity, Shiloh, Unionville, Bethesda.

Presbytery of Harmony.—Sumterville, Concord, Cheraw, Brewington, Harmony, Indiantown, Winnsboro', Great Peedee, Little Peedee, Reedy Creek, Salem (Little River,) Williamsburg.

Presbytery of Charleston.—2d Church, Charleston, Columbia Church, Walterboro', Boiling Springs, Hamburg, Graniteville, John's Island.

The roll being completed, Rev. P. E. Bishop was chosen Moderator, and Rev. B. M. Palmer temporary Clerk. Upon the Moderator's taking the chair, the reading of the rules was, by motion, dispensed with.

Synod then adjourned, with prayer, to meet in the Lecture Room of the Presbyterian Church to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 o'CLOCK, }
November 16, 1849. }

Synod met, and was opened with prayer. The minutes of last evening were read and approved. It was resolved that the names of the Ministers be registered on the Synodical Roll, according to seniority of ordination, and that the stated Clerks of the Presbyteries be directed to furnish to the Clerk of the Synod the roll of each Presbytery, so arranged.

Mr. J. Carlile, Elder from Concord Church, appeared, and took his seat in Synod. Rev. S. S. Gaillard appeared, and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness. Rev. J. L. Kennedy offered, by letter, reasons for his absence, which were sustained.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with, and printed copies of the same were distributed. Excuses were received from such absentees from the last meeting as were now present, and from the Churches which failed to be represented, which were severally sustained. It appearing that the Churches had generally neglected to present excuses, as previously directed by Synod, in case of failure of representation, Rev. Dr. Davis and Mr. A. O. Norris were appointed a Committee to prepare a minute on this subject.

Rev. J. F. Lanneau, of the Synod of Georgia, being present, was invited to sit as a Corresponding member.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following Committees.

On Bills and Overtures.—G. C. Gregg, S. Donnelly, G. Howe, D. D., W. B. Davies, Ministers, and W. E. James, W. B. Dunlap, Elders.

Judicial Committee.—A. W. Leland, D. D., T. R. English, Ministers, and J. E. Caldwell, S. E. Gregg, Elders.

Financial Committee.—J. H. Saye, E. Cater, Ministers, with J. H. Crawford, Elder.

On the Narrative.—J. Douglas, J. B. Adger, Ministers, with W. Wallace, Elder.

On Minutes of Assembly.—D. J. Auld, W. Brearley, Ministers, with S. Clark, Elder.

On Religious Exercises.—S. S. Davis, D. D., J. Brown, Ministers, with C. J. Shannon, Elder.

On Records of South Carolina Presbytery.—J. R. Gilland, Minister, and J. Barnet and T. J. Steen, Elders.

On Records of Bethel Presbytery.—J. A. Wallace, Minister, and A. K. Craig, Elder.

On Records of Harmony Presbytery.—J. McLees, Minister, and L. Z. Williamson, Elder.

On Records of Charleston Presbytery.—W. Banks, Minister, and E. W. Green, Elder.

A communication was received from Upper Long Cane Church, requesting that Synod hold its next regular session at that Church ; which was placed on the docket.

A letter was received and read from Rev. F. Jacobs, relative to his Professorship in Oglethroe University, which was referred to a committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. T. Smyth, D. D., J. H. Saye, J. Brown, D. Humphreys, and S. Clark, Elder.

The report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary was presented, read, and referred to a committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. J. B. Adger, D. J. Auld, E. Cater, with Elders C. J. Shannon and D. Milling.

The committee appointed to report upon the Overture presented to Synod at its last meeting, in relation to a fund for the support of indigent families of deceased Ministers, presented their report, the consideration of which was made the order of the day for 4 o'clock this afternoon.

The committee on publishing the Minutes of Synod, presented the account of the publisher, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow at 11 o'clock, A. M., to hear the report of the Executive Committee of Foreign Mis-

sions, at which time it was resolved that an opportunity be afforded the Rev. J. F. Lanneau, agent of the Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions, to address the Synod on this subject. Synod then receded from business to attend public preaching. After which Synod again came to order.

Mr. W. McCreight, Elder from Winnsboro' Church, Rev. M. D. Fraser, and Rev. J. H. Thornwell, D. D. appeared in Synod, and rendered excuses for tardiness, which were sustained.

Synod being informed that Mr. Gibson was present, with a view to represent the interests of the Board of Publication, it was made the special order for 4 o'clock, to-morrow afternoon, to hear him in relation to the same.

The Synodical Committee of Education presented the report of their doings during the year, which was read, and referred to Rev. Messrs. S. Donnelly, J. A. Wallace, and Dr. W. Phillips, Elder.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported the following scheme, which was adopted :

Preaching Friday evening, by Rev. E. P. Palmer;

To-morrow morning at 11 o'clock, in connexion with the report on Foreign Missions,

Addresses by the Rev. Mr. Lanneau, Rev. Dr. Smyth, and Rev. J. B. Adger.

Saturday evening, religious exercises of Synod,

Reading the Scriptures and Hymn by the Moderator;

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Porter;

Address by Rev. Dr. Leland;

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hughes;

Closing Address and Prayer, with the Benediction, by Rev. Dr. Howe.

Sabbath morning, sermon by the Moderator;

Sabbath afternoon, sermon by Rev. B. M. Palmer;

Sermon at night, by Rev. Dr. Smyth, when a collection is to be taken up for the cause of Foreign Missions;

Communion Services to be introduced by Rev. Mr. Gilland, who will address the first table;

Second table, by Rev. Mr. Miller;

Closing Address and Prayer, by Rev. Mr. Reid.

A draft of a memorial to the Legislature of South Carolina, relative to the violation of the Sabbath day by the South Carolina Rail Road Company, was laid before Synod, and by them referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Synod then took recess, to meet at 3½ o'clock, P. M.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, 3½ o'clock, P. M.

Synod met. Mr. A. Crawford, Elder of the Church in Columbia, appeared in Synod, and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness. It was

Resolved, That when Synod shall adjourn, it adjourn to meet at Upper Long Cane Church, on the Thursday before the 3d Sabbath of November, 1850, at 12 o'clock, M.

A communication from Rev. Dr. Jones, giving an account of his visit to the Synod of Alabama, enclosing the action of that Synod in relation to the Theological Seminary, was read, and referred to Rev. Messrs. A. W. Leland, D. D., W. Davies, and A. Crawford, Elder, to bring in a minute on the subject.

Rev. Mr. Capers, of the M. E. Church, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The order of the day was taken up, the consideration of the report of the committee on a fund for the indigent families of deceased Ministers, which report, after some discussion, was laid upon the table.

The Committee on Finance presented, as their report, the following assessment on the Presbyteries, to discharge the account rendered for the publication of the Minutes of Synod, which was adopted:

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| Presbytery of South Carolina,----- | \$19 25 |
| Presbytery of Bethel,----- | 14 25 |
| Presbytery of Harmony,----- | 19 25 |
| Presbytery of Charleston,----- | 17 25 |
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The Committee on the Communication of Rev. F. Jacobs offered their report, which was adopted and is as follows:

The committee to whom was submitted the letter of Mr. Jacobs, would report that this letter, embodying, as it does, facts which should be presented to the churches, should be printed in the minutes, or in the appendix. So far as regards Mr. Jacobs, your committee would offer the following resolutions: The Synod are pained to learn that Bro. Jacobs has been constrained, through the inadequacy of the endowment, to resign his Professorship in Oglethorpe University; and learning further that there is a large balance on salary yet due to him, it is resolved that the avails of the endowment should be used in no way whatever till his dues have been paid, and that these avails should be collected, and his claims settled, as soon as practicable.

“Resolved further, that in settling his claims at least sufficient should be allowed him to meet the interest incurred by him on money borrowed to supply deficiencies in the payment of his salary.

“Resolved, That the general agent of the Board, the Rev. Mr. Chamberlain, be requested to carry out the wishes of this Synod with as little delay as possible; or should he, by the great extent of his field, or from any other cause, be prevented from attending to this business, that he at once place all the notes and evidences of notes and stocks, constituting the South Carolina endowment in Oglethorpe University, in the hands of Mr. Wm. Adger of Charleston; and in this contingency, Mr. Adger is requested to act as the agent of Synod in this matter.

“But the letter of Mr. Jacobs refers also to the relations of this Synod to the University of Oglethorpe, and to this your committee would beg leave to call your earnest attention. And in the first place, your committee would call to mind the solemn resolutions which formed the compact of our harmonious separation with our Georgia brethren at the Synod in Columbia in Dec. 1844. [See Minutes of Synod for 1844, pp. 21, 22.] These resolutions have been followed up by repeated resolutions of a similar character since made. This Synod stands therefore pledged solemnly and irrevocably to the approval of the principles on which this institution rests, and also to the endowment of our own Professorship; and while the failure of this pledge thus far is owing to providential hindrances, and the want of any suitable and sufficient agency, they earnestly hope that the Board of Trustees, to whom at their own request the matter has been entrusted, will endeavor to prosecute the agency, in the confidence and belief that the churches will redeem the pledge given by this Synod, and put this growing institution upon a basis of firm and enduring reputation.”

It was made the special order for to-morrow at 9 o'clock, A. M., to receive Narratives and Statistical reports from the Presbyteries.

Rev. F. Jacobs obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod, after which recess was had until after divine service to-night.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 8½ o'clock, P. M.

After public worship, Synod came to order.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly made a report, which was accepted, and the committee discharged.

The Committee on the preparation of a History of the Presbyterian Church in this State, submitted their report, which was placed on the docket.

Nominations were made to fill vacancies occurring in the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary.

Rev. S. K. Talmage, D. D., Rev. W. Baird, Rev. H. Safford, Rev. C. C. Jones, D. D. of the Synod of Georgia, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Rev. D. J. Auld obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod, and the name of Rev. A. A. Porter was substituted in the place of his, in the Committee on the report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary.

Adjourned with prayer, to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock, A. M.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, November 17, 1849. }
9 o'clock, A. M. }

Synod met, and was opened with prayer, and on motion, half an hour was spent in devotional exercises. The minutes of yesterday were read and affirmed. Excuses were presented from the Churches of Cheraw and Greenville, for not being represented in the present sessions of Synod, which were sustained. Rev. J. B. Dunwody appeared and took his seat, after offering satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The special order was taken up, to wit, the receiving of Narratives and Statistical Reports from the Presbyteries; the Narratives were read, and referred to the Committee on the Narratives. The Statistical Reports are as follows:

The Presbytery of South Carolina report, that they consist of 22 Ministers, and have under their care 43 Churches, 3 Licentiates, and 2 Candidates; that they have licensed W. B. Telford to preach the Gospel; that they have received the Licentiate, A. A. Morse, from the Presbytery of Bethel, and John J. Boozer, as a candidate for the Ministry, under their care.

The Presbytery of Bethel report, that they consist of 14 Ministers, and have under their care 22 Churches and 6 candidates. Of their Ministers, 8 are Pastors, 4 are stated supplies in their own bounds, and 2 are non-residents—one being superannuated, and the other in feeble health. Of their Churches, 14 sustain the pastoral relation, 7 have stated supplies, and 1 is vacant. They have dismissed Rev. F. Jacobs to join the Presbytery of Charleston, and Rev. W. P. Harrison to unite with the Presbytery of East Alabama. They have licensed A. A. Morse, and dismissed him to join the Presbytery of South Carolina. They have received under their care, A. W. Miller and E. P. Palmer, Licentiates of the Presbytery of Charleston; and W. T. Savage, a Licentiate of the Presbytery of Concord. They have ordained A. W. Miller, E. P. Palmer and W. T. Savage. They have constituted the pastoral relation between Rev. W. B. Davies and the Church of Bullock's Creek, Rev. J. M. Anderson and the Church of Unity, Rev. A. W. Miller and the united Churches of Fishing Creek and Cedar Shoals, and Rev. E. P. Palmer and the united Churches of Waxhaw, Lancasterville and Six Mile. Two new candidates have been received under their care.

The Presbytery of Harmony report to the Synod of South Carolina, that they consist of 21 Ministers, and have under their care 27 Churches; that they have installed Rev. J. A. Wallace, Pastor over Williamsburg Church; that they have licensed to preach the Gospel, Messrs. Singletary and Chandler; that they have dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. D. E. Frierson with the Churches of Great Peedee and Reedy Creek; that they have received under their care, two Churches with the names of Pisgah and Carolina, and have dissolved the pastoral relation of Rev. Edwin Cater, with the Churches of Salem, (L. R.) and Lebanon.

The Presbytery of Charleston report, that they consist of nine Churches and fourteen Ministers, and have under their care one Licentiate and three candidates; that they have dismissed E. P. Palmer and A. W. Miller, Licentiates, to put themselves under the care of the Presbytery of Bethel, and E. G. Walker, Licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Orange.

The Churches in Fairfield District were called upon, according to a resolution of Synod at its last meeting, to give an expression of their views as to being set off from the Presbytery of Harmony, to be in connection with the Presbytery of Bethel: Whereon it was

Resolved, That so much of Fairfield District as is included in a line running from the mouth of Big Wateree Creek to the junction of the north and south forks of Little River, and thence up the

North Fork to the Chester Line, including the Churches of Concord and Mt. Olivet, be set off from the Presbytery of Harmony, and attached to the Presbytery of Bethel, and placed under the care of the same.

Mr. McCutchen obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod. The Committees on the Records of the Presbyteries of Harmony and Charleston reported, recommending that they be approved, which report was adopted.

The special order was taken up, when the report of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions was read, and addresses were made by Rev. T. Smyth, D. D., and Rev. J. F. Lanneau, Agent of the Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions. Said report was referred to Messrs. Thornwell, Coit and Steen.

Synod took recess till 3½ o'clock, this afternoon.

SIXTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 3½ o'clock, P. M.

Synod met. Messrs. E. W. Green and J. Carlile obtained leave of absence after the session of this evening.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Bethel, reported, recommending that they be approved, with certain specified exceptions, which report was adopted.

The order of the day was taken up, when Mr. Gibson was heard in behalf of the Board of Publication, and the subject was referred to Rev. Messrs. G. Howe, D. D., W. Banks, J. McLees, and Mr. C. J. Shannon, Elder.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures, to whom was referred the memorial to the Legislature on the violation of the Sabbath, by the South Carolina Rail Road Company, made the following report, which was adopted:

"The Synod has learned with deep interest that the citizens of the several Districts propose to memorialize the Legislature on the violation of the Sabbath by the Railroad Company, within the limits of the State. In view of the fact that these operations of the Company on the Sabbath, directly contravene the law of God, which holds the Sabbath exempt from all such labor, whether performed by private persons or corporate bodies; and in view of the anticipated influence of the oldest Railroad Company in the State upon other Companies controlling Roads, soon to go into operation; therefore

Resolved, That this Synod express its hearty concurrence in such a proposed movement on the part of the citizens, which has for its object the observance of the Sabbath by Railroad Companies within the State.

"The Committee would further recommend the appointment of a special Committee, to draft a Pastoral letter to the Churches within our bounds; which letter shall embrace all questions connected with the violation of the Sabbath, by public bodies or private individuals in our midst, and a discussion of the civil law, so far as it may conflict with the strict observance of the Lord's day."

Rev. Messrs. J. H. Thornwell, D. D., and B. M. Palmer, with Mr. G. T. Snowden, were appointed the special Committee, in accordance with the above suggestion, with instructions to report at the next meeting of the Synod.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication of the Rev. Dr. Jones, and the resolution of the Synod of Alabama, in relation to the Theological Seminary, offered the following minute, which was adopted:

"In accordance with the report of the Committee in reference to the communication of the Rev. Dr. Jones, and the documents therewith transmitted.

1. *Resolved*, That Synod is much gratified to hear that Dr. Jones has fulfilled his mission to the Synod of Alabama, to which he was appointed at our last Annual Sessions.

2. *Resolved*, That the cordial reception of Dr. Jones by the Synod of Alabama, has afforded great pleasure to this body, and is regarded as an earnest of future union and kind co-operation.

3. *Resolved*, That the Resolutions adopted by the Synod of Alabama in relation to the Theological Seminary of Columbia, fully accord with the earnest wishes of this body, and afford a cheering prospect of united and efficient action in the three Synods of Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina, in patronizing and sustaining our Southern School of the Prophets.

4. *Resolved finally*, That Dr. Jones' letter and the Synodical Resolutions it contains, be printed in the appendix to the minutes of this meeting."

A report was received from the Board of Trustees of Oglethorpe University, which was committed to Rev. Messrs. T. R. English, P. Pierson, T. Smyth, D. D., and S. E. Gregg, Elder.

The election of Directors of the Theological Seminary, and of Trustees of Oglethorpe University, was made the special order for

Monday morning at 9 o'clock, and nominations were made for the latter.

Rev. Messrs. J. P. McPherson, P. Pierson, E. Cater and M. D. Fraser, with Col. W. McCreight, and Mr. S. A. Burgess, obtained leave of absence after the session to-night.

Synod took recess, to meet in the Church at half past 7 o'clock.

SEVENTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Synod met, and according to a scheme previously reported, spent the evening in devotional exercises, with addresses by Rev. Drs. Thornwell and Talmage.

Adjourned with prayer, to meet on Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

EIGHTH SESSION.

MONDAY, November 19, 1849. }
9 o'clock, A. M. }

Synod met, and was opened with prayer. The minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

The special order was taken up, when the following persons were chosen to fill vacancies in the Board of Directors of the Seminary:

T. Smyth, D. D., J. H. Thornwell, D. D., J. B. Adger, B. M. Palmer, Ministers; G. T. Snowden, A. Crawford, and J. K. Douglass, Laymen. And the following persons were chosen members of the Board of Trustees of Oglethorpe University: G. Howe, D. D., T. Smyth, D. D., T. R. English, B. M. Palmer, Ministers; Dr. G. W. Glenn, and Dr. J. W. Simpson, Laymen.

On motion, the subject of a fund for the indigent families of deceased Ministers, was taken up from the table, and committed to Rev. Messrs. A. W. Leland, D. D., P. E. Bishop, D. Humphreys, E. Cater, and Gen. J. N. Whitner, with instructions to report at the next meeting of Synod.

Dr. L. Z. Williamson obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod.

The report of the Committee on the History of the Church in this State, was taken up from the docket, and adopted, and is as follows:

"The subject has been carefully considered by your Committee. It is an enterprize of great interest and importance, and should at once engage the attention and call forth the energies of the whole Synod for its speedy and faithful performance. As this work demands the combined efforts of the whole Synod in procuring the necessary materials, the following syllabus of subjects proper for the work is submitted as a guide in this business.

I. Preliminary sketches, setting forth the principles, labors and trials of the different denominations of Christians who settled in South Carolina, and became, in whole or in part, incorporated in the Presbyterian Church, viz., the Scotch, the Scotch-Irish, the Congregationalists, English, Presbyterians, French Protestants, and Dutch Calvinists.

II. The commencement and progress of the different settlements of these people, with their first efforts in sustaining Gospel ordinances, and their organization as churches.

III. Labors of Missionaries in the State, and the organization of the first Presbyteries and Associations.

IV. Causes of dissensions among Presbyterians at an early period, and their effects.

V. History of the origin and progress of the different Churches—different revivals of religion with which they have been blessed, and seasons of declension.

VI. Biographical sketches of all Presbyterian and Congregational ministers who have labored in the State or who have been ordained in it prior to the year 1830—together with those whose ordinations or settlement, though more recent, shall have died before the publication of this history.

VII. Biographical sketches of members of the Presbyterian and Congregational churches in the State, who have rendered important service to the cause of Christ, or have been distinguished in the history of the country.

VIII. Heresies, or ecclesiastical divisions, which have arisen in the Presbyterian church.

IX. Efforts of Presbyterians in the cause of education—family training—zeal for common schools—Academies in different places—Queen's Museum at Charlotte, Mt. Zion, Charleston, and South Carolina College—efforts to disseminate an evangelical literature.

X. History of the Theological Seminary at Columbia.

XI. Some account of the various schemes of church extension which have at different times engaged the attention and called forth

the efforts of Presbyterians in South Carolina, Missionary Associations, Educational Societies, &c.

XII. Benevolent Societies organized and conducted on Catholic principles, Bible Societies, Tract Societies, The Sunday Schools Union, &c. &c.

XIII. Literature of the Presbyterian Church in South Carolina, Books, Religious Newspapers, Periodicals, &c.

XIV. Influence of the Presbyterian Church in this State upon the Denomination in general, and particularly in the West and North West.

XV. Changes in the boundaries of Synods and Presbyteries, with extracts from the minutes of Judicatories having a general or historical interest.

XVI. Statistical tables showing the strength and condition of the Several churches in the following years, viz: 1780, 1790, 1800, 1810, 1820, 1830, 1840, 1850.

XVII. Notices of the other Denominations of Christians, Jews, &c., in the State.

To accomplish this enterprise, your committee would recommend the following plan:

1st. That Synod now appoint some person to write a history of the Presbyterian Church in South Carolina; that the person so appointed shall exercise all possible diligence in collecting the proper materials; and when in his judgment the Collection is sufficiently advanced, he shall commence and prosecute the writing of the said history with as much speed as is compatible with the faithful performance of the duty.

2d. That Synod now appoint a committee of three in each Presbytery to have the special oversight of Collecting the histories of the Several Churches within the bounds of their Presbyteries respectively, and of all other matters important to the aforesaid History, and of placing those materials in the hands of the writer appointed as above specified.

3d. That it be specially enjoined upon each minister and the sessions of the several churches connected with Synod, to prepare a full history of the churches with which they are connected, biographical sketches of the ministers who have served them, in times past, as Pastors or stated supplies: and to collect all other available matter of the kinds suggested by the syllabus of a Church History presented for the consideration of the Synod; and to place the said materials in the hands of the person appointed to write the History, or in the

hands of one of the committee appointed to receive and forward the same.

4th. That it be the duty of the person appointed to write the history, to report progress from time to time to the Synod, till the work is ready for publication: when thus advanced, it shall be submitted to Synod for examination, and when approved by Synod shall be published on such terms as shall be deemed just to the parties concerned.

5th. In case of the death or inability of the person appointed to write as aforesaid, or in case of unreasonable delay in the execution of the trust, then all the material furnished by members of Synod or other persons to the writer aforesaid free of cost, shall be the property of Synod and subject to its order; but all the material collected by his own labor, or at his own expense, with whatever portion of the History he shall have prepared, shall be his own property, and in no wise subject to the control of Synod; unless it can be shown that he has in some way been compensated for his own labor and expenditures—in that case, the whole material for the work, and the work itself so far as executed, shall be the property of the Synod, and completely subject to its order and control."

Agreeably to the suggestions of the above report, Rev. Dr. Howe was chosen historiographer, and committees in the Presbyteries were appointed as follows: Messrs. D. M. Turner, J. McLees and W. Philips, in the Presbytery of South Carolina; Messrs. J. H. Saye, W. Banks, and Stinson, in the Presbytery of Bethel; Messrs. J. A. Wallace, S. S. Davis, and S. E. Gregg, in the Presbytery of Harmony; Messrs. J. H. Thornwell, B. M. Palmer, and A. Crawford, in the Presbytery of Charleston.

The committee on the Report of the Synodical Committee of education presented the following Report, which was adopted.

"The committee to whom was referred the report of the Synodical Committee of Education, report, that it is matter of gratitude to the Great Head of the Church that your standing committee have been able to meet all current expenditures of the year by means of the funds placed at their disposal, and in some measure to reduce the debt of the preceding year. Yet it is painful to contemplate the fact set forth in the report, that of more than one hundred churches within the bounds of this Synod, only twenty-one have contributed anything during the past year to this object, so vitally important to the interest of Zion. Your committee, however, are persuaded that much has been done within the bounds of Synod for this cause by Presbyteries and churches, which has not been done directly

through your Education Committee, and so cannot appear in their *proper* report. They would suggest to Synod the propriety of directing the committee, in order that the doings of the whole church may be understood, to collect and set forth in their report, as fully as may be in their power, the doings of other societies and churches, besides those which have forwarded their contributions to the committee. As there is still a debt of more than \$400 pressing upon the committee, and as it is probable that larger means may be needed during the ensuing year, your committee recommend that the Education Committee publish, as they did last year, a circular to the churches, containing a statement of the wants of the committee, and exhibiting the claims of this cause upon the yearly benefactions of all the churches. We further recommend that the 2d Sabbath in January, 1850, be observed as a day of special prayer to the Lord of the harvest for an increase of laborers; and that our ministers on that day preach on some topic connected with this great interest of the Church, and take up collections and forward them to Mr. Law, Treasurer of the Synodical Committee of Education."

The same standing Committee of Education was reappointed, with the addition of Rev. C. C. Jones, D. D.

The following resolutions were adopted in reference to the Southern Presbyterian:

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod is pleased to learn that the Southern Presbyterian is published simultaneously in Charleston and Milledgeville, and is thus adapted to a free and ready circulation among our churches.

2. *Resolved*, That this Synod adopts the Southern Presbyterian as the organ of communication with its churches.

The Committee on the Report of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions and Treasurer's account, presented the following as their Report, which was adopted:

"The committee to whom was referred the report of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, have had it under consideration, and beg leave to make the following suggestions and recommendations: It is evident that our churches, from some cause, either lack of knowledge, or lack of piety, or lack of opportunity, do not feel as deeply as they should, the importance of supporting the gospel at home, or of spreading it abroad. Their contributions are inadequate, sadly disproportioned to the magnitude of the interests, and inconsistent with the professions they make as churches of Jesus Christ. The remedy must be adapted to the disease. If it is ignorance, they should be more fully instructed in the relations of the

gospel to the salvation of mankind; they should be brought to see that the consummation of the purposes of God in regard to this earth depends upon the general diffusion of his truth; and that they are grievously wanting both to God's glory and the good of men, while they are wanting in either prayers or alms for the spread of Christianity. If it is lack of piety, that will be increased by increase of knowledge combined with prayer; and if lack of opportunity, our Presbyteries should take order that every church and every member of every church should have the opportunity of bringing his offerings to the Lord.—This matter is more incumbent upon the Presbyteries since we are now in a sort of transition state between the employment of hired agencies and the systematic action of ecclesiastical bodies. Your committee think that every Pastor should instruct his own people, and that Presbyteries should require of occasional and stated supplies to introduce this matter in their ministrations among the vacant congregations which they visit. The Committee would take this opportunity of recommending a plan of systematic benevolence to every congregation and church member. Let the amount which he can give from his income be solemnly determined in the sight of God, and consecrated by prayer to the various schemes of the Church in the proportion which his convictions of duty may suggest; and let the session of every church take order that these schemes, either by cards or otherwise, be regularly brought to the notice of the people.

The Executive Committee have recommended that their successors be authorized to procure a legal form for the purpose of securing legacies that may be left to them for the aid of Missions. We see no objection to the proposal—though we are unfavorable to an Endowed Church, or funded corporations subsidiary to the church. But if others wish to give in this way, we would not debar them from the privilege of doing so.

The committee further report that the Treasurer's account has been regularly audited and pronounced to be properly vouched. The thanks of the Synod are due to Mr. Adger for his faithful and gratuitous labors—and your committee are sure that every member of the Synod will cheerfully join in expressing them. They further recommend that for the ensuing year the same Executive Committee of Missions, with the addition of Rev. Mr. Jacobs, be continued; and that Mr. J. M. Caldwell in connexion with Mr. W. C. Dukes be the Committee of audits. They finally recommend that the Report be printed in the appendix to the Minutes."

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That Rev. D. M. Turner be request-

ed to prepare a pastoral letter addressed to the churches on the subject of systematic benevolence; and that the same be published by the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions. Rev. B. M. Palmer, with Rev. T. R. English as alternate, was appointed to preach before Synod at its next regular meeting on the subject of Missions.

The Committee on the Report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary offered the following Report, which was adopted:

"The committee on the report of the Board of Directors of the Seminary would bring to the notice of Synod the circumstance that the Library of the Seminary has, according to the report, been increasing very slowly for many years past. Last year only ten books were added; and the year before only two. Your committee have been informed that very few of the Theological, Critical, Historical, or Literary productions of the last 15 years are to be found on the shelves of the Library. It has accordingly occurred to your committee to suggest that some of the members of Synod may have such works which they could perhaps spare for the Library, and by the donation of which they would be conferring a lasting benefit upon the institution. The committee are also glad to see the Board have directed the Librarian to publish from time to time lists of such books as are needed in the various departments of theology and literature, with a view to stimulate and to direct the charitable in our church and community in making donations to the Library.

Your committee observe that the report of the Board complains that the attendance of members of the Board, at its annual meetings, has not, for several years past, been as full as could be desired. Sometimes a bare quorum is present. And thus the heavy responsibilities which belong to the whole Board are made to fall upon a few individuals. Your committee recommend that the Synod enjoin upon members of the Board to be more attentive hereafter to their official duties.

Your committee further recommend that the Board's report be published as usual in the appendix to the minutes of Synod. There is one item, however, in the accounts of the Board, of the correctness of which your committee are not satisfied. But the committee have explained to the Board's Secretary their difficulties, and he will be able, no doubt, on his return to Columbia, to look into the point, and if there be any error set it straight before the publication of the minutes."

The Committee appointed to draft a minute in relation to the failure in so many of the Churches to be represented in Synod, presented the following, which was adopted:

"It appearing that many of the churches not represented in this meeting, had failed in forwarding their excuses according to the direction of Synod, Rev. Dr. Davis and Mr. A. O. Norris were appointed to draft a minute on the subject; who subsequently presented the following: The committee appointed to draft a minute expressive of the feeling of this Synod in regard to the neglect of the churches within its bounds to be represented in this body, beg leave to report the following statement: That of the 40 churches belonging to the Presbytery of South Carolina, there were 36 unrepresented; of the Presbytery of Bethel, 10; of the Presbytery of Harmony, 12; of the Presbytery of Charleston, 6. Your committee can present the duty and responsibility of the churches touching this matter in no stronger light than they are presented in the minute adopted at the last meeting of this body. They therefore recommend that the Stated Clerk be directed to address a copy of that minute to each delinquent church, as a renewed testimony of this Synod against a practice so deeply injurious to the churches themselves, and so entirely at variance with the constitution of the Presbyterian Church."

The Committee on the Report of the Board of Trustees of Oglethorpe University reported as follows:

"The committee to whom was referred the report of the Board of Trustees of Oglethorpe University, have given to the matters contained therein as much of their time as other duties would allow, and in order that they may give direction to the action of the Synod, would submit the following resolutions for its adoption:

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod have heard with gratitude and thanksgiving to God, of the increased number of students and general prosperity of the University: that seven—a majority of the whole graduating class—are looking forward to the Christian ministry as their chosen work; and that 11 out of the 13, the whole number, are professors of religion.

2. *Resolved*, That in order to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the South Carolina Professor, and in order to give time for the completion of the endowment of our Professorship, the Synod authorize the Board of Trustees to continue Mr. Lyman as teacher for one year, at a salary not exceeding \$700 per annum: provided, however, that this resolution shall be understood not to counteract the resolution of Synod, requiring the debt due to Mr. Jacobs to be first discharged before any appropriation be made from the funds of the South Carolina Professorship.

3. *Resolved*, That Synod have heard with pleasure that the Rev.

Drs. Chester and Murray have consented to labor as agents for the endowment of Oglethorpe University within the bounds of the Synods having the oversight of this institution—and they do hereby cordially recommend them to the co-operation of our churches; it being distinctly understood that their efforts in this State be directed first to the completion of the endowment of the South Carolina Professorship.

4. *Resolved*, That Synod feel grateful for the donation of \$1,000 by the Board of Education to Oglethorpe University, and trust that they will continue to extend a fostering hand to this institution."

These resolutions were adopted.

The Committee appointed to draft a Minute in regard to the operations of the Board of Publication, submitted the following, which was adopted:

"The Synod have heard with satisfaction from Mr. Gibson, who has presented before us the plans and operations of the Assembly's Board of Publication, that this Board has been able to add during the past year so considerably to the number of valuable works which it has rendered accessible to our people; that it is presenting these books in a more acceptable form, and that it is adopting a plan and providing means, to some extent, for their gratuitous distribution. The Synod cannot but view the Press as an instrumentality next to the Pulpit, all powerful in diffusing the precious truths of the Gospel, in maintaining and perpetuating in the world those doctrines which have been the glory of our church, and which have sustained it in the hour of conflict and persecution.—It is with pleasure that we see so large a number of those volumes from which our Fathers have been instructed, and which have stayed the floods of error in a former age, redeemed from comparative oblivion and made accessible to our People. The Synod further express their conviction that the system of Colportage, which has been added to the operations of the Board of Publication, is necessary to the dissemination of the Religious Literature it is presenting to the world; and that if it can be energetically carried out, it will result in great blessings, not only to congregations already formed, but to that portion of our teeming population which has advanced beyond the reach of a settled ministry and the ordinary means of grace.

As a benevolent effort we commend it to the attention of our candidates for the ministry, who may in this way fill up their intervals of study with labors useful to themselves and profitable to others. Our ministers and elders also might accomplish something in this work by voluntary effort, and we trust that other Christian men may

be found willing, for the love they bear to the cause of Christ, to engage in this distribution.

The Synod learns with satisfaction that the work of colportage has been undertaken by the Presbyteries of South Carolina, Bethel and Harmony; and would urge all our Presbyteries to take efficient measures, to disseminate within their bounds and elsewhere in our land, either in connection with the Board or by independent action, that Christian literature which is now furnished so abundantly to their hands. And the Synod would further recommend that means be provided, if practicable, for the gratuitous distribution of the Publications of the Board to the destitute."

Rev. J. J. DuBose obtained leave of absence from the remaining Sessions of Synod.

The Committee on Slavery offered satisfactory reasons for not presenting their report, and was continued.

Synod then took recess till half past three o'clock.

NINTH SESSION.

MONDAY, 3½ o'clock, P. M.

Synod met. The Committee on the Narrative presented the following, which was adopted.

Narrative of the state of Religion in the bounds of the Synod of South Carolina, Nov. 19, 1849.

The committee appointed to prepare a Narrative, report, that it is with devout gratitude we record, that while the ministering servants of God composing this Synod are spread over a scope of country extending from the mountains to the seaboard, liable and exposed as others were to the "pestilence that walketh in darkness, and the destruction that wasteth at noonday," the angel of the Lord hath been round about us, and hath preserved us. For this we should not only confess that the goodness and mercy of the Lord have been over us, but feel it a louder call and more affectionate appeal to be more earnest in His work, and more devoted to His service. And while we learn that many faithful elders, office-bearers in the House of God, and private christians, have been called to their rest, removed from the church militant, to join the General Assembly and church of the first-born on high, we dare not say "what doest Thou?" but with fraternal sympathy and christian resignation bow under the conviction that "just and righteous are thy ways, O Lord; and un-

der the covert of thy wings will we take shelter until these calamities be overpast." In reviewing the past, or providing for the present, we may legislate and devise plans for the preservation of peace and good order in the House of God, or we may jealously watch that all things are done decently and in order. But what is the altar compared with the sacrifice? what are the bricks and the stone which compose the temple compared with the spiritual interests of those who dwell therein? We should regard growth in grace and christian knowledge as paramount to all things else. What can be more interesting or encouraging than for christians to meet and tell the dealings of God with their own souls—the joy they experienced as they have gone to the House of God in company? In this, as iron sharpeneth iron, so does the face of man his brother. While we have no wonderful work, no pentecostal seasons, to narrate, still we have experienced enough during the past year to prevent the hanging of our harps on the willows, or despairingly enquiring, "O Lord, is thy mercy clean gone forever?" Although there may be no extraordinary outpourings of the Holy Spirit among us, such as we hear of in other parts of the church, still we feel that the work is progressing—Zion is lengthening her cords and strengthening her stakes. In some of our churches in each of our Presbyteries there have been very encouraging works of grace mentioned, and we regard it a very favorable indication that there are so few vacancies or destitutions among us, either of pastors or stated supplies, and there seems to be a growing desire in other sections, where we have no organizations, to obtain supplies. We would mention as a sign of improvement, not only the peace and brotherly love that pervade our church courts, but the prominence and interest which for a few years past have been given to devotional exercises and the preaching of the *word* during our sessions. Here we believe an influence is created and diffused which is most beneficial not only to ourselves, but to all our churches.

In addition to the ordinary services of the sanctuary, Presbyterial reports show that catechetical instruction, both classes and Sabbath schools, are sustained in nearly all our churches, with very great and precious results; such instruction we deem not only very important to the young, in training them up in the way in which they should go, but it is calculated to increase the knowledge and strengthen the faith of God's people. From these we feel assured that annual and important accessions are made to our churches. To these we must look for suitable officers to fill our churches in future.

Another subject of great interest and growing importance, and one

in regard to which we rejoice to hear such favorable reports from the Presbyteries, is the religious instruction of the Blacks. Upon this subject there seems to be a general waking-up, not only among our pastors to labor, but among the masters to have their servants properly and faithfully instructed. This we regard both politically and morally the great question with us—it is one which involves alike our domestic and religious peace—it is as delicate in its nature as it is important in its results—it is a subject which we feel presses upon us, at this particular crisis, claims equal to any other.—We should feel greatly encouraged with the fact that wherever this subject has received due attention and been prudently managed, there is felt the strongest desire to have such instruction continued and extended. And here we cannot refrain from mentioning that one of the most encouraging intimations of public opinion and public sanction on this subject is the favorable report of that large, intelligent and influential committee appointed by the civil authorities of the city of Charleston, to investigate and spread before the public what was wise and safe and right upon this subject. In their report we believe this whole matter is placed in a most favorable and acceptable light, and your committee would recommend this subject to the prudent and attentive consideration of all our churches, at the same time praying the Great Head of the church, who can bring order out of confusion, to overrule all things for the good of his creatures, and for his own glory.”

The vote in relation to the Records of the Presbytery of Bethel that they be approved with certain specified exceptions, was, on motion, re-considered, in relation to which the following minute was adopted :

“The Synod of South Carolina approve the Records of Bethel Presbytery, with the following exceptions: That in the opinion of this Synod, it cannot be said that marrying on the Sabbath is a violation of the 4th Commandment, without qualification or exception; but that while there may be extreme cases where marriage may be performed on the Sabbath, such cases in all ordinary circumstances, cannot occur, and they would therefore advise that it be not done on the Lord's day; and that Ministers and Church members do all in their power to prevent the performance of the marriage ceremony on the Sabbath day.

The third and fourth resolutions on the subject of marriage, seem to extend the doctrine of the Apostle further, perhaps, than a fair interpretation will justify. To marry in the Lord, is to marry with supreme reverence to God's glory; and where Christian edification

will be evidently hindered—as in the case of believers becoming yoked with Jews, Infidels, Papists or Turks, or with those who have no respect for the truths and services of religion—such alliances are unlawful and sinful. But the Synod is not prepared to say but that there may be cases in which a professed believer may be lawfully joined with one who makes no profession of saving faith, but has been trained in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. There may be cases in which there is a reasonable prospect that the unbelieving husband may be led to embrace the faith by the wife, and the unbelieving wife by the husband. Of these cases the christian parties in each instance must judge, and judge with prayer and solemnity, in the exercise of individual liberty. All that the Synod would say, positively, is, that no christian man or woman can ever make this contract with the Divine approbation, without aiming at, and having a prospect of securing, the organization of a christian family.”

A vote of thanks was passed to the citizens of Camden for their hospitable entertainment of the members of Synod; and the Rev. Dr. Davis was requested to publish the same in whatever form he may deem best.

After singing, prayer, and the benediction, the Synod of South Carolina was adjourned to meet at Upper Long Cane Church, Abbeville District, on the Thursday before the 3d Sabbath in November, 1850, at 12 o'clock, M.

P. E. BISHOP, *Moderator.*

B. M. PALMER, *Temp. Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA.

OFFICERS.

G. T. SNOWDEN, *President.*

REV. S. DONNELLY, *Vice President.*

REV. B. M. PALMER, *Secretary.*

WILLIAM LAW, (Columbia,) *Treasurer.*

DIRECTORS FOR THREE YEARS.

Ministers.

T. Smyth, D. D.
B. M. Palmer,
J. B. Adger,
J. H. Thornwell, D. D.
A. Church, D. D.
N. A. Pratt,
R. Chamberlain,
I. S. K. Axson,

Laymen.

G. T. Snowden,
Andrew Crawford,
J. K. Douglass,
E. A. Nisbet,
Barrington King,
H. V. Johnson.

DIRECTORS FOR TWO YEARS.

Ministers.

M. D. Fraser,
J. R. Gilland,
E. T. Buist,
D. Humphreys,
S. K. Talmage, D. D.
C. S. Dod,
E. P. Rogers,
F. Bowman.

Laymen.

J. D. Witherspoon,
William Adger,
J. A. Crawford,
W. L. Mitchell,
E. L. Newton,
Hon. G. E. Thomas.

DIRECTORS FOR ONE YEAR.

Ministers.

S. Donnelly,
J. Douglas,
J. H. Saye,
D. McQueen,
J. W. Reid,
G. H. W. Petrie,
John S. Wilson,
N. Hoyt, D. D.

Laymen.

Job Johnston,
J. N. Whitner.
G. W. Glenn,
D. C. Campbell,
A. L. Alexander,
William Shear.

FACULTY.

Rev. Geo. Howe, D. D., Professor of Biblical Literature.
Rev. A. W. Leland, D. D., Professor of Christian Theology.
Rev. C. C. Jones, D. D., Professor of Church History and Polity.

MINUTES

Of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, held in Columbia, S. C., October 17th, 1849.

LIBRARY ROOM THEOL. SEMINARY, Columbia, S. C., }
October 17th, 1849—7 o'clock, P. M. }

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, met, according to adjournment, in the Library Room of the Theological Seminary, Mr. G. T. Snowden presiding, and was opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Smyth.

PRESENT.

Ministers.

T. Smyth, D. D.
S. K. Talmage, D. D.
J. H. Thornwell, D. D.
J. Douglas,
M. D. Fraser,
S. Donnelly,
B. M. Palmer.

Laymen.

G. T. Snowden, President,
Andrew Crawford.

The following Committees were appointed by the chair :

Audits.—Mr. A. Crawford, and Rev. M. D. Fraser.

Ways and Means.—Rev. S. K. Talmage, D. D., Rev. S. Donnelly, Mr. A. Crawford.

Laws and Regulations.—Rev. T. Smyth, D. D. and Rev. J. H. Thornwell, D. D.

Library.—Rev. S. Donnelly, and T. Smyth, D. D.

Buildings.—Rev. Messrs. J. Douglas and M. D. Fraser.

The Minutes of the Executive Committee for the year, together with their report, were read, and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means. The reports of the Treasurer, of Messrs. Snowden and Ewart, Investing Committee for the State of South Carolina, and of Messrs. McDowell and Reid, Investing Committee for the State of Georgia, were presented, and referred to the Committee of Audits.

The report of the Standing Building Committee was read, and referred to the Committee on Buildings; also, the Report of the Faculty was read, which was referred, together with their minutes, to the Committee on Laws and Regulations, with the exception of so much as related to the repairs which have been put upon the buildings, which was referred to the Committee on Buildings.

The report of the Librarian was received, and referred to the Committee on the Library.

A report was presented by Rev. Dr. Howe, prepared at the request of the Executive Committee, of the old funds of the Seminary—where collected, and how invested; which was referred to the Executive Committee for examination, during the course of the next year, to be reported upon at the next annual meeting of the Board.

On motion, it was resolved that the old papers of the Seminary now on file, and arranged accurately by Dr. Howe, according to their dates, be bound in a permanent volume, for future reference, under the direction of the Executive Committee.

Adjourned with prayer, by Rev. Dr. Thornwell, to meet to-morrow at 11 o'clock, A. M.

LIBRARY ROOM, Thursday, October 18, 1849. }
11 o'clock, A. M. }

The Board of Directors met, according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer, by Rev. Mr. Douglas. Present as on last evening. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee of Audits presented their report on the reports of the Treasurer and the Investing Committees for the States of South Carolina and Georgia, that from the vouchers furnished, they were all correct; when these papers were committed to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The Committee on Buildings made a partial report, recommending that the disbursements for repairs made by the Executive Committee, be approved; which report was adopted.

It being reported to the Board, that the rooms required to be re-furnished, in a great measure, this matter was referred to the Professors, to take measures for bringing this subject before the minds of the charitable.

The Committee on Laws and Regulations presented their report on the Record Book and Report of the Professors, which was adopted, and is as follows: "The Committee on the Record Book and Report of the Professors, would report, that having examined the same, they find the records well and fully kept, and recommend that they be both approved, so far as referred to this committee.—They would only call the attention of the Professors to the importance of a detailed report of the mode as well as of the times of instruction, so as to present the course and subjects taken up, and whether they are pursued in connexion with text books or lectures.

"They would also call the attention of the Board to the suggestion relating to the delay of students in returning in the fall, and whether the vacation could be so arranged as to allow attendance upon the fall meetings of Presbyteries, or the evil be otherwise remedied."

On motion, it was resolved, that in accordance with the recommendation of the Synod, the time of the annual meeting of the Board be changed to the second Tuesday in July.

The visit of Rev. Dr. Jones to the Synod of Alabama, under the appointment of the Synod of South Carolina, to confer with that Synod in relation to the interests of this Seminary, having been providentially frustrated, it was resolved that Dr. Jones, or his alternate, Dr. Howe, be requested to visit that Synod at its approaching meeting on the 25th inst.

The Board had a recess, to meet at 7 o'clock, P. M.

7 o'clock, P. M.

Board met. Present as before. The Committee of Ways and Means made their report upon the finances of the Seminary, which

was adopted, and will be found embodied in the annual report of the Board to the Synods.

It appearing from this report that the interest is accumulating on the bond of Mrs. Hall, the Executive Committee was instructed to take measures at once for the safe liquidation of this debt.

In relation to the deficit, reported in the above report, of \$1037 arrearage due the Professors, the following resolution was adopted :

Inasmuch as Synod, in 1846, authorized this Board to pay out of the new subscription the amount of \$1995 23, due on the Professors' salaries, and only \$1255 85 was thus paid, therefore

Resolved, That to carry this order of Synod into complete effect, the Executive Committee be authorized to appropriate the sum of \$739 38 from the new subscription, should the same be found necessary.

The Committee on the Librarian's report recommended that it be approved, and also offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Librarian be requested to publish, from time to time, in the Southern Presbyterian and Watchman and Observer, a list of such works as are needed in the Library, and to invite donations in books, or money for the purchase of suitable books, from the friends of the Seminary ; which resolution was adopted.

The reports of the Professors, of the Librarian, of the Building and Executive Committees, and of the Committee of Ways and Means, were all committed to Messrs. Palmer, Talmage and Snowden, to digest from them the annual report to the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia, to be presented to the Board on to-morrow evening.

Rev. Dr. Thornwell was requested to obtain and present at the same time, a form of bequest to the Theological Seminary, which should be published for the use of such charitable persons as may desire further to endow the Institution.

The Board then adjourned with prayer, by Rev. Mr. Donnelly, to meet to-morrow evening at 7 o'clock.

LIBRARY ROOM, Oct. 19, 1849. }
7 o'clock, P. M. }

The Board met, according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer, by Rev. Dr. Talmage. Present as before. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee on Buildings made the following addition to their partial report already rendered : "The Committee on Buildings

would report, that they have carefully examined the premises, and are much gratified to see the change which the recent improvements have made upon the main Seminary building; in not only changing its appearance from that of a private residence, to assume somewhat the air of a public Institution, but in adding so much to its comfort and preservation. These repairs were certainly necessary, and others might very judiciously be recommended, did we feel that the present state of our funds would justify the outlay. Your Committee approve the recommendation of the Professors in reference to the re-fitting of the two small store-rooms, and recommend that their suggestion be carried into effect as soon as practicable;" which report was adopted.

The Committee appointed to attend the Examination, in the month of July last, offered their report, which was amended and adopted, and is as follows: "The Examining Committee of the Board report, that they attended the Examination of the Students in the Seminary, which was held on the 11th and 12th of July, in the Chapel of the Seminary. The examination covered the general course of studies prescribed in the Constitution, with the exception of the department of Church History and Polity, which were not attended to, owing to the unavoidable absence of Dr. Jones, who was called away from his duties near the close of the term, by the illness of Mrs. Jones. In the departments of Doctrinal Theology and Biblical Criticism, the examination was thorough and satisfactory, and reflected much credit upon both Professors and Students, for their diligence and faithfulness. The other branches received as much attention as the limited space of two days would afford.—The exercises were closed on the evening of the second day, by addresses from the several members of the Graduating Class, which were very creditable to their talents and proficiency in learning; and with an interesting address by Dr. Howe, to the Graduating Class. The Committee recollect only one Student as being absent, without leave, from the examination. We think it extremely desirable that all the young men should diligently prosecute their studies in the Seminary, to the close of their graduating term, and be present at the final Examination. The case of absence to which reference has been made, probably requires some expression of censure, but we hope that the example will never again be followed."

Rev. Dr. Thornwell, as requested, presented the following form of bequest, prepared with legal advice, which was adopted, and ordered to be printed permanently on the back of the Minutes of Synod:

"To the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, to them and to their successors, I give and bequeath the sum of ———, or I devise a certain parcel, or tract of land &c., to be applied by them to the uses and benefit of said Seminary."

The Select Committee appointed to prepare the annual Report of the Board to the two Synods, presented the same; which was ordered to be laid by the Secretary before the Synods respectively. For this Report see below:

The following officers were chosen for the next year:

G. T. SNOWDEN, Esq., *President.*

Rev. S. DONNELLY, *Vice President.*

Rev. B. M. PALMER, *Secretary.*

W. LAW, Esq., (Columbia,) *Treasurer.*

The Executive Committee of last year was re-appointed, consisting of Rev. B. M. Palmer, Rev. Dr. Thornwell, W. Law, G. T. Snowden, S. Crane, J. A. Crawford, and Andrew Crawford.

Rev. Drs. Howe, Leland and Jones, with Messrs. W. Law and G. T. Snowden, were re-appointed the Standing Building Committee.

No Committee was appointed to attend the Examination in July next, as the Board itself would then be in session, holding its annual meeting.

The Board then adjourned, with prayer, by Rev. Mr. Fraser, to meet in the Library Room of the Theological Seminary on the second Tuesday of July, 1850, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

B. M. PALMER, *Secretary.*

REPORT

Of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, to the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia, October 18, 1849.

I. RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF OLD FUNDS.

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|---|---------------|
| Received from Investments in Georgia,----- | \$1790 01 |
| Received from Investments in South Carolina,----- | 2008 74 |
| Donation from Willington Church,----- | 10 00 |
| Received October Bridge Dividend,----- | 150 00 |
| Balance in the Treasury, October, 1848,-- | 128 74 |
| Total of Receipts,----- | \$4087 49 |

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| Paid balance, due October 1, 1848, on Professors's Salaries----- | \$951 68 |
| Paid on Account of Professors' Salaries, the past year,----- | 2962 56 |
| Paid Insurance on Buildings,----- | 90 00 |
| Paid Librarian's account,----- | 83 25 |
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| Total of Disbursements,----- | \$4087 49 |
| Leaving balance due Professors on account of salary, to October 1, 1849,----- | \$1037 44 |

II. PERMANENT FUNDS, EXCLUSIVE OF SCHOLARSHIPS.

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| Invested in South Carolina, as per report of Messrs. Snowden and Ewart, October 16, 1849, not including scholarships nor funds collected on account of third Professorship,----- | 27,339 18 |
| Invested in Georgia, as per report of Messrs. McDowell and Reid, October 1, 1849, not including Nephew scholarship nor funds for third Professorship, increased since last year's report, (\$27,188 84) by the appreciation of the Georgia Rail Road Shares, (\$1396 15,----- | 28,584 99 |
| Invested on account of third Professorship from the new fund, not including balance reported in hands of Treasurer and Agents,----- | 26,331 02 |
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| Total,----- | \$82,255 19 |

III. SCHOLARSHIPS.

Invested in South Carolina.

1. Lanneau Scholarship, 44 shares Union Bank stock, par value, \$50 00 per share, \$2200 00
2. Scholarship of Congregational and Presbyterian Education Society, Charleston, 50 shares Bank of South Carolina, \$45 00 per share,----- 2250 00
3. Telfair Timothy Scholarship, not yet received.

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| 4. Ellison Legacy, 15 shares Broad River Bridge stock,----- | 525 00 | |
| <i>Invested in Georgia.</i> | | |
| 1. Nephew Scholarship,----- | 2500 00 | \$7475 00 |
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| Total of funds in both States, including Scholarships,----- | | \$89,730 19 |

IV. CLAIMS UPON THE TREASURY.

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| Balance due October 1, 1849, on Professors' Salaries,----- | \$1037 44 | |
| Salaries of Rev. Drs. Leland and Howe for next year,----- | 4,000 00 | |
| Balance of Rev. Dr. Jones' Salary for the next year, \$14 31 having been paid in ad- vance,----- | 1985 69 | |
| Librarian's Account,----- | 21 00 | |
| Insurance and Contingent Expenses,----- | 150 00 | \$7194 13 |

SUPPOSED INCOME, NOT INCLUDING SCHOLAR-
SHIPS, TO MEET THE ABOVE.

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| Georgia Investments, (\$28,584 99,) at 7 per cent.----- | \$2,000 98 | |
| Carolina Investments, (\$27,339 18,) at 7 per cent.----- | 1913 74 | |
| Investments of New Fund, already made and soon to be made,----- | 2000 00 | \$5914 72 |
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| Probable balance against the Treasury Oct. 1, 1850.----- | | \$1279 41 |

V. THE NEW FUND.

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|--|------------|-------------|
| Subscriptions paid in cash,----- | \$29740 58 | |
| Interest received on Subscriptions,----- | 58 87 | |
| Amount received from Lambert Estate,--- | 1162 00 | |
| Dividends on Stocks, and Interest on Funds Invested,----- | 2595 00 | \$33,556 66 |

Disbursed as follows:

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| Salary of an Agent in procuring Subscrip- tions,----- | \$300 00 |
| Total travelling expenses of Agents,----- | 310 20 |

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| Paid Rev. Dr. Jones, Delegate to Synod of Alabama,----- | 35 | 69 | |
| Circulars and Postage,----- | 20 | 75 | |
| Paid, April 29, 1846, Interest on Mrs. Hall's Bond,----- | 449 | 09 | |
| Debt and Interest to Wm. Law, Esq, for money advanced,----- | 632 | 34 | |
| Discount allowed for payment of Installments in advance, ----- | 111 | 98 | |
| Interest on loan from Commercial Bank, for purchase Camden Bank Stock, anticipating receipts,----- | 30 | 10 | |
| Arrearages paid Rev. Drs. Leland and Howe, per order of Synod, Nov. 1846,-- | 1255 | 85 | |
| Paid salary of Rev. Dr. Jones, (\$2000 00,) with \$14 31 over,----- | 2014 | 31 | |
| Paid for necessary repairs on Seminary Buildings,----- | 945 | 11 | |
| Paid for 228 Shares Camden Bank Stock,----- | \$11,575 | 54 | |
| Paid for 297 Shares of Commercial Bank Stock,----- | 8613 | 00 | |
| Paid for 32 Shares of New Stock, Bank of Charleston, | 1368 | 00 | |
| Notes temporarily Invested,-- | 4774 | 48 | \$26331 02 |
| Balance in the Treasury,---- | 1120 | 21 | \$33556 66 |

STATEMENT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS COLLECTED, AND TO BE COLLECTED.

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| Whole amount of Subscriptions in South Carolina,----- | \$35463 | 63 | |
| Whole amount of Subscriptions in Georgia, | 9015 | 00 | \$44,478 63 |
| Of this, collected in cash,----- | \$29740 | 58 | |
| Notes of Subscribers in hands of Treasurer, | 1749 | 09 | |
| Notes reported in hands of Agents,----- | 535 | 00 | |
| Cash in hands of Agents, reported but not paid over,----- | 1104 | 32 | \$33,128 99 |
| Amount of Subscriptions still outstanding, | | | <u>\$11,349 64</u> |

Against this New Fund stands as follows :

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| Bond of Mrs. Hall,----- | \$6522 | 43 |
| Interest on the same from April 29, 1846, | | |
| to October 1, 1849,----- | 1559 | 88 \$8082 31 |

VI. THE LIBRARY.

During the past year, ten volumes have been added to the Library, making the whole number of volumes 4554. The books are in a state of good preservation. In view of the slow increase of the Library for many years past, a resolution has been adopted by the Board, instructing the Librarian to publish, from time to time, lists of such works as are needed in the various departments of Theology and Literature, with a view to stimulate and to direct the charitable in their donations to the Library.

VII. THE BUILDINGS.

The Buildings, through years of comparative neglect, having fallen into a state of considerable dilapidation, and being thus discreditable in appearance, it was deemed necessary for their preservation, to make a number of repairs. The basement story of the main building has been painted on the outside and colored, and the floor, originally of tiles, has been covered with a cement, by which the rooms, before unfit for use, have been made available for the accommodation of Students. The Chapel has been neatly fitted up; the Recitation Rooms, the Library, and Dormitories, both in the main Buildings and wings, have been painted. Various repairs have been placed upon the eaves, the roof, the front portico, and the three flights of steps; the Refectory, and also upon the outbuildings and premises. By the munificence of a few individuals, the main building has been crowned with a belfry, in which a new bell, the gift of Rev. John Douglas, has been hung. These repairs and improvements, together with others, too numerous to be specified, have not only made the Seminary buildings an ornament to the town, but have recovered them from decay, and imparted a value to the property, supposed to exceed considerably the sums which have been expended in making them; and at least one-fourth of the whole cost, has been met by private contributions.

VIII. PROFESSORS' REPORT.

The Faculty, made complete by the entrance of Rev. Dr. Jones upon the duties of his chair, at the beginning of the Seminary year, have been regularly engaged in the instruction of the classes—the

recitations varying from one to three in the day. Tuesday evening has been devoted to debates, declamations, and the delivery of sermons, by the students; and Wednesday evening, to a conference of the Professors with the Students, upon those subjects embraced in what is usually termed Pastoral Theology; and the first Monday evening of every month, to the public exercises of the Society of Inquiry.

The Students in the different classes during the past year, were as follows:

IN THE SENIOR CLASS.

| <i>College.</i> | | <i>Presbytery.</i> | |
|-------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| A. E. Chandler, | Graduate of Davidson, | Candidate of Harmony, | |
| T. A. Hoyt, | do. of Franklin, | do. of Hopewell, | |
| A. G. Johnson, | do. of Maryville, | do. of Flint River, | |
| Wm. Matthews, | | do. do. do. | |
| Robert H. Reid, | do. of South Carolina, | do. of So. Carolina, | |
| Albert Shotwell, | do. of Gwinnett Institute, | do. of Flint River, | |
| W. H. Singletary, | do. of Davidson, | do. of Harmony, | |
| Edward R. Ware, | do. of Alabama University, | do. of Tuscaloosa, | |

MIDDLE CLASS.

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|-------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| J. M. Quarterman, | do. of Oglethorpe University, | do. of Georgia, |
| H. W. Rogers, | do. of Princeton College, | do. of Tuscaloosa, |
| W. B. Telford, | do. of South Carolina, | do. of So. Carolina, |
| David Wills, | do. of Tuscaloosa, | do. of Holstein. |

JUNIOR CLASS.

| | | |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| J. Rice Bowman, | do. of Princeton, | do. of Hopewell, |
| G. R. Foster, | do. of Oglethorpe University, | do. of East Alabama, |
| Donald Fraser, | do. of do. do. | do. of Georgia, |
| Albert A. James | do. of Davidson, | do. of Bethel, |
| B. E. Lanneau, | do. of Charleston, | do. |
| A. J. Loughridge, | do. of Oakland, | do. of Tombeckbee, |
| Wash'n. Peace, | do. of Princeton, | do. |
| James L. Rogers, | do. of Jefferson, | do. of Cherokee, |
| A. W. Watson, | do. of Davidson, | do. of Bethel, |
| A. J. Witherspoon | do. of South Carolina, | do. of do. |

Mr. W. H. Hall, a member of the Senior Class, and Mr. Asahel Enloe, a member of the Middle Class, did not return to the Seminary during the term. The whole number of Students in actual attendance, upon the different classes, was 22; 8 in the Senior, 4 in the Middle, and 10 in the Junior. Those in the Senior Class, now graduated from the Institution, have all been licensed by their respective Presbyteries, and have thus entered upon their probation before the Churches.

The account given to the Board of the religious state of the Sem-

inary is encouraging. The Students engage in a prayer-meeting on every Saturday evening, besides uniting with the weekly prayer-meeting held in the Church in the town. Many of them engage with zeal in pious labors on the Sabbath, both in the town and in the surrounding country, and have persevered in them amid many discouragements. At the close of the term, several of them undertook agencies—some as Colporteurs for the American Tract Society; others as agents for the American Sunday School Union; which they have prosecuted during the vacation. Much interest has also been felt in the cause of Foreign Missions, which was considerably quickened by a visit from Rev. Mr. Rankin, one of the returned Missionaries of the Assembly's Board, as well as by the Exercises of the Society of Inquiry, which has been in active operation during the year. A spirit of fellowship and brotherly-love has prevailed, and no root of bitterness has sprung up to mar the peace of the Institution. The last Thursday, the day usually observed in concert of prayer throughout the country for Seminaries of learning, and the 28th of June, the day set apart by the General Assembly, were both observed with fasting and prayer, by the Professors and Students to their mutual enjoyment and edification.

The attention to study, and punctual observance of the laws and regulations of the Seminary, have given the highest satisfaction to the Faculty, of which diligence and regularity, special and grateful mention is made in the report of the Professors.

IX. GENERAL REMARKS.

A few general and explanatory remarks, accompanying this digest of the reports made to the Board, will probably aid the Synods in understanding the statement we are endeavoring to set forth.

1. It will be observed that we report a balance due on Professors' salaries, of \$1037 44. This is little more than a perpetuation of the balance due last year of \$951 68. This deficit, which has been transferred from year to year, is to be accounted for thus: In the year 1846, the arrearage due the Professors on account of salary, amounted to \$1995 23. (See Minutes of Synod for 1846, p. 30.) This deficit the Synod ordered to be met from the subscription which had been taken up for the purpose of cancelling the debts of the Institution, and of endowing a third Professorship. (See Minutes of Synod for 1846, p. 10.) Actually, however, only the sum of \$1255 85 was withdrawn from this fund, in compliance with the above order, leaving a deficit still of \$739 38, which has been perpetuated from that time, and with a slight increase each year, now

swells to the sum of \$1037 44. In view of these facts, the Board has authorized the Executive Committee to carry the Synod's order into complete effect, by appropriating the sum of \$739 36 from the new subscription, should this be found necessary, to cancel this annually recurring deficiency.

2. It will be observed further, that we report an increase of \$1396 15 in the Georgia Investments, by the appreciation of Georgia Rail Road Stock, upon what was reported last year. By the appropriation of \$700, new shares in the Georgia Rail Road and Banking Company have been purchased to the amount of \$2100 00, by which a clear gain of \$1400 is realized to the Permanent Investments in that State.

3. The debt due on Mrs. Hall's bond remains unpaid, from the same legal embarrassments that have heretofore existed; meanwhile the interest has swelled from one fifth to one-fourth of the original debt. The Board has definitely instructed the Executive Committee to take prompt measures for the safe liquidation of this debt.

4. All the old papers of the Board have been, with much labor, arranged according to dates, and the Executive Committee is instructed to have them bound in one or more substantial volumes, for future reference. A thorough investigation has been made into the sources from which the old funds of the Seminary have been drawn, and of the ways in which they have been invested; also of the contingent fund, and how this has been absorbed. This elaborate document has been referred to the Executive Committee for careful examination and revision, with instructions to report the work complete at the next meeting of the Board. The same process has been had in relation to the new subscription, and the names of all the donors ascertained, with the payments of the several instalments, as far as payments have been made. This will be conducted to a completion so soon as the collection is wound up; and a public and permanent record of the whole will constitute a valuable portion of the documentary history of the Seminary. The grateful thanks of the Board and of the Synods are due to Rev. Dr. Howe, and to Messrs. G. T. Snowden and J. A. Crawford, for the accomplishment of this work, the toil of which can scarcely be appreciated by any but themselves.

5. The Synod will perceive that of the \$44,478 subscribed to endow a third Professorship, and to extinguish existing debts, there still remains \$11,349 to be collected. The Executive Committee will still have this collection in charge, and will use due diligence in the same. It is proper, at this stage, to record with devout grati-

tude to God, the special favor which He has shown to this "School of the Prophets," in turning the hearts of His people to foster and cherish it. We know not which most to admire; the remarkable readiness with which so large a sum was subscribed, without the intervention of a paid agency, that deserves to be spoken of; or the promptness with which at least three-fourths of it has been paid.—The thanks of the Board and of the Church are due particularly to the agents, who, with much personal inconvenience, have engaged in the disagreeable office of collecting, and with so much alacrity have followed the instructions of the Board. And in referring to these temporary services of local agents, we gratefully record our appreciation of the fidelity of the permanent officers, the Treasurer and Investing Committees, whose responsibilities and labors have both been increased by the new effort which is so nearly consummated. Something more, indeed, than such a general reference is due to the arduous and self-denying labors of Mr. Law; and though he is influenced to assume the responsibilities and to meet the toils of his office, by his love to the Church, and his zeal for the glory of God, we feel bound to record our deep conviction of the inestimable value of his services, and our earnest hope that though age is creeping upon him, he may yet long be spared to work in his Master's vineyard.

6. The appearance of cholera in Mobile prevented the meeting of the Synod of Alabama, and of course frustrated the visit of Rev. Dr. Jones, whom the Synod appointed a delegate to visit and confer with that body in relation to the interests of this Seminary.—There is nothing new, therefore, to report upon the negotiations which have been opened. But as the Synod of Alabama meets on the 25th instant, so that his commission cannot be renewed by the Synod, the Board has urged Dr. Jones to carry out the instructions previously given, in visiting the Synod of Alabama and endeavoring to draw them into closer connexion with ourselves in the support of this Seminary.

7. The following Directors go out of office this year, whose places must be filled by an election on the part of the two Synods, four Ministers and three Laymen being chosen by each, viz:

Ministers.

T. Smyth, D. D.
B. M. Palmer,
D. M. Turner,
J. H. Thornwell, D. D.
A. Church, D. D.

Laymen.

G. T. Snowden,
Andrew Crawford,
J. K. Douglass,
E. A. Nisbet,
Barrington King,

N. A. Pratt,
R. Chamberlain,
I. S. K. Axson.

H. V. Johnson.

8. The Board, in closing its report, would respectfully suggest to the Synods, that the attendance of its members has not, for several years past, been as full as could be desired. It has sometimes been reduced to a bare quorum, and a few men have been compelled to assume responsibilities which ought to be shared with a larger number, and to act under circumstances in which a wider consultation would be extremely desirable.

Whatever reasons require the appointment of a large number, require the attendance of at least a majority of them; and we sincerely trust that hereafter we shall have the presence, co-operation, and advice of all who are chosen to the office by both Synods.— Since the division, the brethren from Georgia have scarcely been with us at all. The loss of time, the distance and expense, are the reasons probably of their absence; but we hope that the change made in the time of the annual meeting of the Board, from October to the second Tuesday in July, will render it convenient for them, hereafter, to be present in larger numbers than heretofore, and give us their counsel and advice in the great interests committed to our care.

All which is respectfully submitted.

G. T. SNOWDEN, *President.*

B. M. PALMER, *Secretary.*

Letter of Rev. Dr. Jones to the Synod of South Carolina.

COLUMBIA, November 14, 1849.

To the Moderator of the Synod of South Carolina:

REV. AND DEAR BROTHER:—I beg leave to transmit to you, to be laid before Synod, the enclosed Resolutions and action of the Synod of Alabama, in relation to our Theological Seminary. It is known to the Synod of South Carolina, that the meeting of the Synod of Alabama failed last year, in consequence of the appearance of cholera in Mobile. In obedience to the appointment of Synod, and the renewed desire of the Board of Directors, expressed at their late meeting in Columbia, I went on and met the Synod of Alabama in Montgomery, on the 25th of October. That body of brethren re-

ceived me as a delegate from the Synod of South Carolina, to confer with them on the interests of the Seminary, and if possible to draw them into closer union with us in its support, in the kindest and most fraternal manner. They were pleased to make the subject a special order of the day, and having heard me on the state of the Seminary, and the propositions of the Board of Directors, and on the suggestions of the Synod of South Carolina, [see Minutes of Synod of South Carolina, pp. 18-19, and pp. 32-33;] the whole subject was referred to a special committee, and it is the report of that committee, unanimously adopted, that I now enclose to you.

The Synod will, I think, consider the report of the committee as full and as satisfactory as we could possibly have anticipated. The brethren have adopted our Seminary as their own, and their desire for a more intimate union with us, is sincere and strong. They could not undertake, at present, to raise funds for the Seminary, in any way, as they are now engaged in completing the endowment of the Witherspoon Professorship, in our College, at Midway, Georgia. But so soon as that Professorship in Oglethorpe University is disposed of, they will endeavor to do something substantial for us.

The brotherly love, the confidential intercourse, the unity of feeling and action, and the engagedness of the Synod in the great work of the Ministry of reconciliation, were refreshing and animating; and I shall ever retain the most happy and grateful recollections of my visit to them, both as an individual and as a delegate from your body.

With sincere prayers for the blessing of God upon you, individually and collectively, I am, respectfully and affectionately, your brother in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,

C. C. JONES.

Resolutions of the Synod of Alabama in relation to the Theological Seminary of the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia.

The Committee appointed to consider the subject presented by Rev. Dr. Jones, Professor in the Theological Seminary, at Columbia, S. C., and agent from the Directors of that Seminary, and from the Synods of Carolina and Georgia, with a view to enlisting the co operation of this Synod in efforts to sustain the Seminary, and to extend its usefulness, beg leave to report:

That in their view, this subject is one replete with interest, and growing in importance every year and every hour. The constantly

increasing population of our own country—the unprecedented rapidity with which the newly acquired territories, especially those on the Pacific coast, are becoming filled with fresh settlers, and the new fields so frequently opening to missionary labor in heathen countries, in every part of the Globe, all go to show the necessity for a great increase in the number of duly qualified and thoroughly educated Preachers of the Gospel, and for additional means and facilities for so educating young men for the work of the Ministry; while the alarming fact, that the candidates offering themselves to receive suitable training for this sacred office, are, in every part of our extensive country, plainly diminishing in number, invests this whole subject with yet deeper interest, and presents an impressive call on the Church, and especially on her judicatories, to survey well the present aspect of things, and pause for the purpose of devising, if possible, some means suited to the crisis, and adapted to arrest the evils threatened in this decrease in the number of aspirants after the holy office.

The statements made to this body by the Rev. Dr. Jones, Professor of Church History, &c., in the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C., are, therefore, peculiarly welcome to us, as showing that there is near us, and accessible to the young men of our Southern Churches, an Institution already existing, in active operation, and flourishing, where candidates for the Gospel Ministry can, at a moderate expense, enjoy all the advantages for a thorough theological education, that can be hoped for from a regular and full course of instruction in all the several departments of Biblical Literature, of Church History and Polity—of Didactic, Polemic and Casuistic Theology, and of Sacred Rhetoric and Pastoral Theology, under teachers accomplished, experienced, laborious and long-approved of the Southern Church, together with ready access to a large and well selected Library—advantages not excelled by those furnished at any other Theological Seminary in the land.

We believe that the affairs of this Institution have been wisely administered, and that the Faculty of Instruction are entitled to the respect and the entire confidence of our beloved Zion in the South, and of all her friends.

We do, therefore, heartily bespeak for this noble Institution the kind regards, the lively sympathies, the fervent prayers, and the liberal benefactions of the Churches; and we earnestly recommend the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C., as the most desirable Institution to which our candidates for the Gospel Ministry can resort, to pursue their studies and become thoroughly furnished for

the great work they contemplate. It is a Southern Institution, where the Southern born may study, in a congenial climate, surrounded by home influences, and breathing the sentiments, and habituated to customs, inseparable from Southern society, and closely connected with ease of manner and efficiency of action in such society.

We enjoin it on our Presbyteries and our Church Sessions, upon the wealthy fathers who propose to educate their sons, and guardians their wards, for the holy ministry, to send their young men to the Seminary at Columbia, S. C., before and in preference to any other Institution.

We cannot, indeed, at present, pledge ourselves to furnish any funds, nor to set on foot any subscription on its behalf, for any of the objects specified in the resolutions passed by the Directors and friends of the Institution in Carolina and Georgia. Our sacred pledge to the Oglethorpe University in Georgia, for the endowment of the Witherspoon Professorship in that Institution, (a pledge which is far from its completion,) precludes the possibility of any hopeful effort to raise funds, as yet, within the bounds of this Synod, either to enlarge the buildings, to extend the Library, to annihilate the existing debt, or to endow a fourth Professorship at Columbia; but we will keep the interests of the Seminary in view; we invite from its friends and Directors frequent communications to this Synod, respecting the situation, the usefulness, and the prospects of this Seminary; and we do hereby cheerfully pledge ourselves, so far as to say, that when once our obligations to the Oglethorpe University are fully met, we will open our hearts to the appeal that may be brought to us from the friends of this Seminary, and stand prepared to listen to and to co-operate with them in any plan for fostering it, and extending its means of usefulness.

The committee further recommend to the Synod the following resolutions:

1. That a committee be appointed, consisting of one person, to be styled *the Committee on Theological Seminary*, whose duty it shall be to receive and to respond to all communications from the Directors and friends of the Theological Seminary at Columbia; to collect all practicable information on the subject of the Theological education in our country, and especially at the South, and to watch for a favorable occasion for recommending this Seminary to the pecuniary benefactions of the Churches, and to report annually to the Synod.

Resolved, 2d. That in view of the vastness of the field, and the

urgency of the call for Ministerial labor; in view of the importance of a thorough training for the work of the Ministry; and especially in view of the alarming decrease for the last few years in the number of pious young men offering themselves as candidates for the Gospel Ministry, this Synod do feel it to be a duty, to observe a season of prayer to God, for his blessing upon our literary Institutions, especially the Oglethorpe University and the Columbia Theological Seminary, and we do hereby recommend, that on the first Sabbath in December next, by all our Churches, without exception, supplication should be made, fervently and importunately, both in the Sanctuary, in the family, in the closet, and more particularly in the regular afternoon's service on that day, for the speedy and copious outpouring of God's holy spirit—on the youth, on the children of our congregations generally, on the sons of the Church, and upon the two Institutions above named, which were founded, and are fostered and sustained to this hour, solely for the honor of our blessed Lord, and for the furtherance of His glorious Gospel.

W. S. HAMILTON, *Chairmn of Committee.*

MONTGOMERY, Ala. October 27, 1849.

The above report and resolutions were unanimously adopted by Synod, and Dr. HAMILTON appointed the committee under the first resolution. True extract from the Minutes.

DAVID FINLEY, *Moderator.*

W. M. SMYTHE, *Temporary Clerk.*

The Board of Trustees of Oglethorpe University present to the Synod of South Carolina the following report:

The whole number of Students connected with the different departments of the Institution, during the past year, was 109, of whom 68 were members of the College proper. The late Graduating Class consisted of 13; and the Board desire to record with gratitude and thanksgiving to God, that 7, a majority of the whole, are looking forward to the Christian Ministry as their chosen work. Eleven out of thirteen are in connection with the Church.

The Board regret the necessity that has led Professor Jacobs to resign his place in the Institution as South Carolina Professor, from the incompetency of support. About half of the amount has been subscribed towards the endowment of that Professorship. The Executive Committee employed the services of Mr. T. B. Lyman, for the summer session, as teacher of Mathematics and Astronomy, to supply temporarily the vacancy created by the resignation of Pro-

fessor Jacobs, at a salary of \$300 for the six months. The Board have been highly gratified with the assiduity and ability with which Mr. Lyman has discharged his duties as a teacher. He came to us with flattering credentials, and has fully met the expectations which his recommendations awakened.

The Board regret that they have not been able to make any progress during the year towards the completion of the endowment of the South Carolina Professorship. The health of our general agent, Rev. Mr. Chamberlain, has been too precarious to allow him to do much in Carolina, and an earnest appeal from the Alabama Synod to him, to look after the subscriptions towards the Alabama Professorship, which were paralyzed for want of being reduced to personal notes, made him feel it to be his duty to spend much of the winter and spring in that field.

The services of the Rev. Dr. Atkinson were engaged for a Carolina agency for the winter, but his lamented death occurred about the time he expected to enter on the work.

The Board would be gratified if the Synod of South Carolina could aid them in procuring the services of some efficient agent to prosecute the work in Carolina.

The amount subscribed towards the endowment of the Carolina Professorship at this time, is about \$12,500. The whole amount of the Alabama Professorship is filled by subscription, and about \$18,000 reduced to personal notes.

The indebtedness of the College, at this time, is about \$15,000. To meet this demand and create a permanent endowment of the Institution, the Board have adopted the following plan: They propose to raise \$60,000 by Scholarships of \$100 and \$500 each.—When this whole amount shall have been subscribed, the subscriber of \$100, on its payment, shall receive scrip, entitling him to the education of one family of boys, free from tuition. The payment of \$500 shall create a permanent scholarship, the holder of the scrip for which shall always be entitled to have one pupil in the Institution, free from tuition. About \$35,000 have been subscribed towards the \$60,000 to be raised. The Board, at their present meeting, have adopted a system of agencies which they trust will result in a speedy consummation of the work.

The general Board of Education of the Presbyterian Church have appropriated \$1,000 during the past year towards the payment of the salaries of the Faculty of our College.

The Rev. Dr. Chester, Agent of the Board of Education, expects to engage in an effort to consummate the Carolina endowment in the

College, within a few weeks. He designs commencing his labors in Charleston, in company with Dr. Murray, of Elizabethtown, N. J., about the close of this month, and solicits the co-operation of the brethren of your Synod.

The term of service of the following members of the Board of Trustees, expires at this time, viz: T. Smyth, D. D., George Howe, D. D., T. R. English, R. C. Ketchum, Dr. J. W. Simpson, and Dr. G. W. Glenn.

On the completion of the endowment of the four Professorships contemplated, viz: two in Georgia, and one in South Carolina and Alabama, each, together with buildings that have cost \$50,000, besides more than 400 acres of land attached to them, the Board feel that with the blessing of the Holy Spirit upon their labors, they will be prepared to accomplish a great work for the Church.

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Rev. R. C. Smith, A. M., Alabama Professor of Moral and Mental Philosophy.

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Letter of Rev. Mr. Jacobs to the Synod of South Carolina.

To the Moderator of the Synod of South Carolina, in Session at Camden.

REV. AND DEAR SIR:—At the sessions of Synod at Pendleton, in 1845, the Synod appointed me to the South Carolina Professorship, in Oglethorpe University. This appointment was made in view of representations by the General Agent of the College, that the funds of the Professorship would warrant the promise of \$1,000 per year, for a year or two; and that by a vigorous prosecution of the endowment, it would soon be made to yield the full salary of \$1500 per annum. So averse, however, was the Synod to making appointments to office, the expense of which they might not be able to sustain, that notwithstanding the statements of the General Agent, they directed that for the first twelve months, I should engage in the agency for the completion of the endowment. On accepting the

appointment, however, I did not engage in the Agency; for by letters from President Talmage, I was urged to enter at once upon the duties of the chair, and assurance was given me that the Agency for the endowment should be prosecuted to the satisfaction of the Synod.

For about a year, the endowment was prosecuted with satisfactory results, but at the meeting of the Synod at Charleston, the Synod thought proper to assume the work of completing the endowment—and satisfactory reasons, as above, having been assigned to the Synod for my not having engaged in the work, they appointed the Rev. Mr. English their agent. During the year Mr. English did not accomplish much, having been hindered by severe domestic affliction. At the meeting at Columbia he resigned his appointment.

The assumption of the work by the Synod had been dissatisfactory to leading men in the Prudential Committee of the Board, and their views having been made known to the Synod, the Synod re-committed the work to the Board, at the same time enjoining upon the Board to institute at once a suitable agency, and charging the Churches to respond liberally to the call of such agent, till at least one Professorship should be completed.

The whole work was entrusted by the Board, as before, to the Rev. Mr. Chamberlain. During the year Mr. Chamberlain made but little progress in the endowment; his field of operation having been extended so as to embrace Alabama, it left him but little time for South Carolina.

Three years had now elapsed. In the mean time, the back interests, with which in connexion with the yearly interest from the partial endowment, your Professor had been sustained, had been all consumed, and the agency having been so irregularly prosecuted, the interest from the endowment so far secured, failed to meet the claims of the Professorship. On the claims for the third year, nearly five hundred dollars remain yet unpaid.

At the end of that year, at their sessions at Bethesda, the Synod repeated their call on the Board or their Agent, to prosecute the work with vigor, but up to the close of the first session of the College for this year, that is, for more than eight months after this injunction, nothing at all was done; and the opportunity having been suffered so far to pass by, that no probable effort could now meet the necessities of your Professor, he was constrained to retire from the post your partialities had assigned him, and in retiring to feel that he had been very seriously injured by not being sustained at that post, for his appointment to which, unsolicited by him, he had

been taken from a very agreeable and important pastoral charge.

There is due to him, balance on salary for the year

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| 1848,----- | \$445 46 |
| Salary for the first term of 1849,----- | 500 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$945 46 |

He borrowed from the Board to meet his necessities arising

from their failure to pay him his salary,----- 478 60

Leaving a balance due him of..... \$466 86

To meet this claim there ought to be due to the Professorship, of interests uncollected, about \$250, and interest that will be due on January 1st, 1850, about eight hundred dollars more; in all about \$1050.

On the \$478 60 above specified, as *borrowed from the Board*, he is liable for interest. This interest he thinks it but equitable, should be at least off-setted by interest on his unsettled claims; especially so, since his claims were always greater than those of the Board, and since this money was borrowed only to meet the failure of the Board to pay him.

To meet necessities arising from the want of the above \$466 86, still due him, he borrowed from a mercantile house, \$500, on his note, bearing interest. Would it be requiring more than simple justice to ask that his claim upon the Board should be increased by interest to cover the loss he would otherwise incur in paying the interest on this note?

Since I left the College, which has now been five months, I have received nothing towards the liquidation of my claims, nor has any intimation been made me that they will be settled.

With this statement of the case, your memorialist would leave the affair in the hands of the Synod, respectfully asking Synod to act for his relief, in such way as they may deem wise and just.

FERDINAND JACOBS.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Nov. 12th, 1849.

Report of the Committee on Education.

The committee appointed at the last meeting of Synod, to receive and disburse funds to aid candidates for the Ministry in completing their course of preparatory studies, present their report for the past synodical year.

Upon entering upon their labours in November last, your committee found themselves burdened with a debt, for loans contracted to meet the expenditure of the former year, amounting

to..... \$684 68

Their disbursements during the year, in affording aid to thirteen candidates, under the care of several Presbyteries,..... 1365 00

Balance on Interest account,..... 40 20

Paid for Circulars,..... 4 00

Making the total amount of expenditures for the year, added to the previous debt,..... \$2093 88

To meet these expenditures, your Committee had

1. The income of two scholarships,..... \$240 00

2. Dividends on the Ellison Legacy,..... 97 50

3. Collections in Congregations,..... 731 10

4. Donations from Societies, one in Georgia and one in South Carolina,..... 138 85

5. Donations from individuals,..... 125 00

6. Donation from the Presbytery of South Carolina, 21 35

7. Donation from two Ladies in Columbia, for one Student,..... 150 00

8. Donation from six Ladies in Columbia for one Student,..... 150 00

9. Small balances from former accounts,..... 21 50

\$1675 30

Leaving a balance of debt amounting to..... 418 58

The congregational collections were from the following churches, viz:

Camden,..... 150 00

Salem, (L. R.)..... 125 00

Lebanon,..... 108 00

Columbia,..... 102 10

Rock Church..... 25 00

Bethel Church,..... 20 00

Cheraw Church,..... 30 65

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| Purity Church,----- | 12 00 |
| Beaver Creek Church,----- | 10 00 |
| Little Peedee,----- | 5 00 |
| Fair View,----- | 5 00 |
| Midway Church,----- | 4 00 |
| Nazereth Church,----- | 13 25 |
| Fishing Creek Church,----- | 5 30 |
| Darlington Church,----- | 22 00 |
| Cane Creek Church,----- | 10 00 |
| Mount Zion Church----- | 17 50 |
| Liberty Spring Church,----- | 16 50 |
| Beach Island Church,----- | 20 00 |
| Hopewell Church,----- | 26 00 |
| Spartanburg Church,----- | 3 80 |
| The contributions from Societies are the following, viz: | |
| Liberty County Female Education Society, (Ga.)-- | 88 85 |
| Ladies Working Society of Greenwood, (Abbeville District.)----- | 50 00 |
| The donations from individuals are the following, viz: | |
| Miss Mary Maxwell, Liberty County, Georgia,---- | 30 00 |
| Mr. Andrew Crawford, Columbia,----- | 25 00 |
| John Townsend, Esq. Edisto Island----- | 60 00 |
| A member of Salem (B. R.) Church,----- | 10 00 |

In presenting the above statements, your committee feel devout gratitude that so much good has been effected by their agency, in aiding so many valuable candidates for the Ministry in their preparatory course; while, at the same time, they deeply regret that so many of the Churches have contributed nothing and others very small sums, to aid this noble charity, so essential to the well-being and prosperity of our Churches.

Your committee lament again to report so large an indebtedness. It could not have been avoided, without arresting the studies of some valuable candidates for the ministry.

It is earnestly recommended to Synod to devise some efficient means for meeting this debt and the necessary expenditures for the ensuing year.

All which is respectfully submitted,

A. W. LELAND, Chairman.

**Report of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions,
To the Synod of South Carolina, at its Session in Camden, in
November, 1849.**

At a meeting of the Synod in October, 1848, your Committee reported as having been collected from within the bounds of this Synod, from October 1st, 1847, till the same time in 1848, the sum of \$2,525 10. During the same period, from October 1st, 1848, till October 1849, there is reported from the Treasury in New York, as received from all sources within this State, the sum of \$1,869 64, as follows:

Statement of Receipts by the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, from within the bounds of the Synod of South Carolina, for the year ending October 1st, 1849.

| SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA. | | PRESBYTERY OF HARMONY. | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| 1848, | | Cheraw Church, | \$65 00 |
| Nov., Synodical coll, | \$81 20 | Scion | " 41 00 |
| 1849. | | Lebanon | " 36 98 |
| April, Wappetaw Ch. | 31 38 | Concord | " 20 00 |
| July, Synodical coll. | 50 00 | Hopewell | " 42 20 |
| Sept., Wilton Church, | 21 28 \$183 86 | Beaver Creek | " 20 00 |
| PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH CAROLINA. | | Williamsburg | " 40 00 |
| Willington Church, | \$100 00 | Indiantown | " 9 50 |
| Upper Long Cane Ch. | 17 85 | Bethesda | " 50 00 |
| Churches not named, | 128 75 \$246 60 | Darlington | " 60 00 |
| PRESBYTERY OF BETHEL. | | Mt. Zion | " 63 00 |
| Cedar Shoals Church, | 7 00 | Little Peedee | " 4 25 |
| Fishing Creek | " 36 75 | Salem | " 10 00 \$461 93 |
| Unionville | " 12 00 | | |
| Bethel | " 10 00 | | \$1869 64 |
| Cane Creek | " 10 00 | | |
| Yorkville | " 9 00 | | |
| Purity | " 33 00 \$117 75 | | |
| PRESBYTERY OF CHARLESTON. | | | |
| Charleston, 2d Church | 519 00 | | |
| do (col'd.) Ch. | 25 00 | | |
| Beech Island Church, | 48 00 | | |
| Columbia | " 169 50 | | |
| Stoney Creek | " 63 00 | | |
| Walterboro' | " 35 00 \$859 50 | | |

From this it is evident, *first*, that a much greater amount than usual has been remitted directly to the parent Treasury, and *secondly*, that a far less amount has been collected during this year, than the last, there being a diminution of \$655 46.

This, then, is the statement which it becomes the duty of your Committee to announce to you, to the Churches, and to the world. The state of trade has greatly improved. The price of our great staple has doubled. God has given a fruitful season, and the early and the latter rain. He has preserved us from incursion of the dreadful pestilence which has cut off 5,000 human beings in the city of New York, and a proportionate number throughout a great extent of our country, and of the world. He has preserved in life the entire body of our Ministers, and the great proportion of the Ruling Elders, Church members and friends. He has thus continued to us the preaching of the word—the means of grace, the hopes of salvation, and the comforts of piety. He has added to our Church many who shall, we trust, be finally saved. And now he has brought us together on this anniversary convocation, under circumstances of special comfort and mercy.

For these and all other numberless mercies, we ought to be, and it is presumed we are, unfeignedly thankful. We recognize in them the unmerited and unbounded goodness of God, which is adapted and intended to lead us to repentance, and to a more heart-felt consecration to the service of Him who loved us, and gave himself for our redemption. Such repentance and such gratitude will assuredly fill our souls, *in proportion as they are felt*, with love and charity, and an eager desire to do all in our power to promote the glory and advance the cause of our divine Redeemer. We will be, we cannot but be, willing to distribute and to lend unto the Lord, “honoring HIM with that substance” “of whom is the gold and the silver,” and whose stewards and almoners we are.

Why, then, in view of these considerations, has so small an amount been given by our Churches to the cause of Foreign Missions? Why have only a few, probably not one-third, out of all our Churches, handed in any thing, and those few, many of them in diminished proportion?

There must be a cause or causes for this state of things. The motives to benevolence are increased. The means are multiplied. Why then has less, rather than more, been given to the cause of Foreign Missions?

Has the necessity for such benevolence diminished? No! The whole heathen world lieth in darkness, guilty before God and perishing for lack of knowledge, and in this condition thousands of them are daily passing into eternity.

Has it then been discovered that these heathen are not our brethren—not neighbors—not partakers of a common humanity, and

therefore not exposed to the danger of everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord? It is true, some vain philosophers, like those encountered by the Apostle at Athens, have been endeavoring to propagate such an opinion. But as Paul answered these philosophers, "God who made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of Heaven and earth, hath made of one blood all nations of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitations, that they should seek the Lord," so do we answer those who now propound this heathen and infidel opinion; and as Paul, under the guidance of inspiration, and with the authority of God himself, who knows all things, further declared to them that the same God "now commandeth *all men* every where to repent; because he hath appointed a day in which He will judge *the world* in righteousness;" so must we regard all men as our brethren—all of one blood—all liable to the same "judgment after death," and all as commanded to repent and believe the Gospel.

Has it then been discovered that the heathen cease to need the benefits of this Gospel? It is very certain they all die, and the Apostle teaches us with equal certainty, that it is "in Adam all die," and that "by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." Just as certainly, therefore, as all men die, all men are sinners, and liable to the consequences of sin, in the destruction, from the presence of the Lord and the glory of His power, of both body and soul in hell forever.

Have we, then, the christians of South Carolina, been exempted by any special authority, from any co-operation in fulfilling this command? Nay, "to the end of the world," the command to every disciple of Christ, is "go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

But may not God communicate this Gospel by miraculous or angelic agency? Nay, He cannot, for He has bound His infinite power by His own infinitely wise plans and settled purposes.—"How then," he asks, "shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have never heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?—and how shall they preach except they be sent?"

But our own country Churches and institutions are, it is said, in need of, and require all, and more than all, we give for preaching the Gospel. This is true. But it is not as true now as it was in the day when God first gave this command—when Christ first issued

this commission, and when the Apostles and primitive believers "went every where preaching the word." The field is still the world, and we are still as imperatively required to "do good unto all men, as we have opportunity." And while, therefore, our own country may require all we actually *give*, God requires us to give more.

Must there not, therefore, be some reason or reasons within ourselves, for a fact so lamentable as that stated in the report, and are we not, therefore, brought to the conclusion that there is, undoubtedly, a want of piety among us? Are we as grateful, and faithful, and obedient in any measure as we ought to be? Do we realize, admit, and feel that the christian is not master of his own time or talents or resources? That "he is not his own"—that he is bound to glorify God with his body and with his spirit, which are God's"—and that he is under obligations to "live not unto himself but unto Him who died for him and rose again?" Is not our piety too selfish? for all seek their own and not the things which are Christ's. "We look every on his own things,"—his own family, his own farm, his own church, and his own community, and not on the things that are Christ's—the heathen who are given to Him for His inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth which are given to him for His possession. Do we "love our neighbour as ourselves?" Do we love our brother whom we have not seen, and if not, how then can we love Him whose they and we both are? Is there not reason to fear that our hearts are not right with God, and that we rob God of the homage due to Him, by the liberal bestowment of tithes and offerings? Are we not disobeying God by an open and manifest disregard to His commands? and do we not love and serve the creature more than the Creator, who is God over all and blessed forever? Must not our prayers, therefore, to just such an extent, be insincere, and involve no suitable effort to secure the coming of Christ's kingdom and the doing of God's will on earth even as it is in Heaven? And must not our faith, to the same extent, be dead, because it worketh not and beareth not fruit in a hearty obedience to the will and word of our divine Master?

But while there is manifestly a want of piety among us, there is also a want of agency. God works by means. God worketh by means not only to save them that perish, but also to put in remembrance, to stir up, and to stimulate to good works them that believe. The agency of man is employed not only to preach the gospel, but also to "teach those that are already disciples all things whatsoever Christ has commanded." We are to exhort one another, and reprove, rebuke and admonish one another, and provoke one another

to zeal and to devotedness. We are one body, and every joint and muscle is to be employed to strengthen and to stimulate all the rest. But what agency are we employing? Many of our churches, during many successive years, have done nothing in this cause. Many that have done but a little, have done less, or at least no more. And yet as a body, we have employed no agency to secure the healthful and vigorous action of all our members, elders, and churches. None of the brethren have been deputed to visit these churches, and to encourage and animate them to duty.

No systematized plan has been introduced for the guidance and direction of our churches. And we are met this year in a condition more apathetic and indifferent than ever before.

And can this Synod continue to fold its hands and to go asleep? Has it no function to discharge in reference to the great commission of our great Redeemer, and the great and glorious gospel which that command requires us to preach to every creature? Can we neglect this great salvation, and excuse ourselves by the ordering and arrangement of minor and mere ecclesiastical interests? We can. But we do it at our peril. We do it in open and manifest contrariety to our knowledge of duty, and to the spiritual welfare of our churches.

Your committee would, therefore, once more affectionately, yet faithfully, urge upon Synod, the deep and prayerful consideration of this matter. It involves duty and danger, and demands your immediate and efficient consideration. So far as the services of our friend and brother, the Rev. J. F. Lanneau, as agent of the General Assembly's Board can be secured, we trust it will. But your committee ought to be authorized to do more in the way of circulating the report and other missionary papers adapted to promote the cause, and to employ any means deemed advisable to further this cause. But every presbytery ought, also, we think, to be urged to take measures for bringing before every church the obligation and the wants of the missionary cause. Synod might then authorize the publication of the general argument of the last Report, which, by oversight, was not done as Synod required last year, and they will, we trust, secure the publication of the Pastoral letter on systematic charity, which the churches have been earnestly expecting throughout the year, in accordance with the resolutions of Synod at the last session.

Before closing this Report, there are three facts of a special and very interesting character to which your committee would further call the attention of Synod. One is, the free and liberal offering

made by the coloured members of the Second Presbyterian Church in Charleston, under the care of the Rev. J. B. Adger, and who have, in this way, given a very touching evidence of their appreciation of the benefits enjoyed by them from that glorious gospel to which they owe every blessing which distinguishes them from their countrymen in Africa. Another fact is, that a deed of some property which yields towards \$200, annually, and also of some shares in the Bank of South Carolina, yielding about \$20 per annum, has been given by a free coloured member of the church, to the session of the Second Presbyterian Church in Charleston; the former, for the benefit of Foreign Missions, generally, and the latter for the assistance of Missions in Africa; and both under the direction of the said session, and to be appropriated, from year to year, as they shall direct. As the donor has, from necessity, secured to herself, while she lives, two-thirds of the annual income, and legal expenses had also to be incurred, these gifts have, as yet, been very partially realized, but will become, to some extent, available from this time forward.

Your committee have also the pleasure to inform this Synod that Capt. Blair, of Yorkville, who departed this life during the past year, has left shares to the value, originally, of about \$1000, to the Southern Board of Foreign Missions. Of this legacy, notice has been communicated to our Treasurer, but as the estate has not been settled, the amount has not yet been transferred to him. Your committee would, however, suggest, in reference to this and all other permanent funds, legacies or donations, not given for current expenses, that they be invested as a missionary fund, under the charge of the Treasurer, in such a way, as that only the income can be used from year to year; so that if, at any future time, this Synod may prefer to conduct Foreign Missions through a Southern and independent channel, these funds may remain available. In connexion with this subject, the committee would suggest that their successors be instructed to prepare a form of donation or bequest to be printed on the cover of our minutes, adapted to secure in a legal manner, such donations and legacies for these purposes.

THE SOUTHERN BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

In account with James Adger, Treasurer.*

1848.

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| Oct. 5. | By cash through Mr. John F. Matheson, collection of the | | |
| | "Presbyterian Church," Cheraw,..... | \$25 | 00 |
| " " | " " " " " Rev. M. D. Fraser, as follows: To be ap- | | |
| | propriated to distributing the Bible in | | |
| | France, monthly collection "Presbyterian | | |
| | Church," Winnsboro',..... | \$27 | 00 |
| | From a child six years old, proceeds | | |
| | of her labor,..... | 50 | |
| | Collection Pres. Church Winnsboro' 13 50 | | |
| | | | \$41 00 |
| " 6. | " " Monthly concert collection, 2d. Presbyteri- | | |
| | an Church, Charleston, 1st October,.... | 11 | 71 |
| " 20. | " " Contribution to constitute Rev. Jas. R. Gil- | | |
| | land, (of Yonquesville, S. C.), a life mem- | | |
| | ber of the Assembly's Board of Foreign | | |
| | Missions, viz: From Church of Fishing | | |
| | Creek, Bethel Presbytery,..... | \$ 35 | 00 |
| | Congregation of Cedar Shoals, do. 7 00 | | |
| | | | \$42 00 |
| | Also, from the colored members of Fishing | | |
| | Creek Ch. to send the Gospel to Africa,... | 1 | 75 |
| " " " " " | Rev. E. Cater, from Lebanon Church,.... | 12 | 30 |
| " " " " " | Collection at Meeting of Synod, at Bethesda | | |
| | Church, York District, 15th October,.... | 81 | 20 |
| " " " " " | Collection at Beech Island Church,..... | 10 | 00 |
| Nov. 4. | " " Mr. John B. Ball, Monthly collection, Wil- | | |
| | lington Church, Abbeville, S. C. | 20 | 00 |
| " 20. | " " Monthly Concert collection 2d Presbyterian | | |
| | Church, Charleston, 19th November,.... | 25 | 35 |
| " 24. | " " Quarterly collection of Juvenile Missionary | | |
| | Society 2d Presbyterian Church, Charles- | | |
| | ton, as follows: General Contribu- | | |
| | tions,..... | \$57 | 81 |
| " " " " " | Bequeathed on his death-bed to For- | | |
| | oreign Missions, by John B. Adger, | | |
| | Jr., <i>all he had</i> ,..... | 6 | 00 |
| | Sale of Pictures,..... | 5 | 21 |
| | | | 69 02 |

*From the early period of the meeting of Synod last year, this account covers a period of about thirteen months and a half, and the amount reported appears, therefore, larger than in the Report of the Assembly's Treasurer. Having been audited up till May last, for the General Assembly, it is divided.

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| Dec. 5. | By cash | From Monthly Concert 2d Presbyterian Ch. | |
| | | 3d December,..... | 23 81 |
| " 15. | " " through | Samuel Clarke, Esq., from the Beech Island Church, | 10 00 |
| " 23. | " " " | From a lady, a friend to Missions, in Pickens County, Alabama,..... | 10 00 |
| " 25. | " " through | Mr. A. B. McCorkle, Taladega, Ala., for the annual collections from Talladega Church,..... | \$66 00 |
| " " " " | | Annual collec. from Marble Springs Church,..... | 44 00 |
| | | | <hr/> 110 00 |
| 1849. | | | |
| Jan. 3. | " " " | From the 2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston, for African Missions,..... | 20 00 |
| " " " " | | Monthly Concert collection, for Foreign Missions, 31st December,.... | 18 75 |
| | | | <hr/> 38 75 |
| " 17 | " " " " | Rev. J. B. Adger, coll. colored congregation, | 10 00 |
| " 24 | " " " " | J. E. Bonneau, Esq., from John B. Bull, being Monthly Concert collections in Willington Church, Abbeville District, S. C. | 20 00 |
| " 29 | " " through | Gen. S. R. Chandler, as follows: From Dr. R. R. Durant, Concord Church, | 10 00 |
| | | Mrs. L. McFadden, Concord Ch. | 10 00 |
| | | | <hr/> 20 00 |
| " " " " | | Quarterly collection of the Juvenile Missionary Society of the 2d Pres. Church,.... | 53 50 |
| Feb. 7. | " " through | Mr. H. Cameron, from Hopewell Church, .. | 42 20 |
| " " " " | | Monthly Concert collection, 2d Presbyterian Church, 4th February,..... | 23 00 |
| " 9. | " " through | Rev. J. B. Dunwoody, Monthly Concert collection, Stoney Creek Church,.... | \$40 00 |
| | | Juvenile Missionary Society, Stoney Creek Church,..... | 15 00 |
| | | Donation Stoney Creek Church,.... | 8 00 |
| | | | <hr/> 63 00 |
| " 16. | " " through | Mr. G. T. Snowden, collection of 1st Presbyterian Church, Columbia,..... | 133 00 |
| Mar. 3. | " " through | Rev. Mr. Watson, from Bethel Church, York District, | 10 00 |
| " 7. | " " " | Monthly Concert collection, 2d Presbyterian Church. 4th March, | 21 28 |
| " 15. | " " through | Mr. T. S. Clay, collection of the Bryan Co. Presbyterian Church, Georgia,..... | 40 00 |
| " 21. | " " " | From Williamsburg Church, Harmony Pres. as follows: To constitute their Pastor, Rev. James A. Wallace, (of Kingstree,) a life-member of the Board,..... | 36 00 |

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

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| | | From the colored members of the same Church, for the support of Rev. F. W. Ellis, of Monrovia,..... | 4 00 | 40 00 |
| Mar. 29 | By cash through | Mr. J. B. Bull, Treasurer, Monthly Concert collection Willington Church, Abbeville, | | 20 00 |
| April 3. | " " through | Rev. J. B. Adger, collection of colored congregation for three months,..... | | 15 00 |
| " 5. | " " | From Monthly Concert 2d Presbyterian Ch. 1st April,..... | | 28 25 |
| " 7. | " " through | Rev. I. S. K. Axson, from the Female Foreign Missionary Society of Midway Congregational Church, Liberty County, towards the support of Rev. Mr. Way and lady, of the Ningpo Mission, China,..... | | 60 00 |
| " 10. | " " through | Rev. J. B. Adger, Presbyterian collection at Beech Island church, April 8th, 1849,..... | | 28 00 |
| " 11. | " " through | Mr. J. F. Matheson, from Cheraw ch. 40 00 From Indiantown church,..... 2 50 From colored people of Indiantown ch. towards the support of Rev. J. L. Wilson, | | 46 50 |
| " " " | " " through | Mr. John Workman, Treasurer, collections at Bethesda Church, Camden, S. C.,..... | | 50 00 |
| " " " | " " through | Mr. James Green, from the Darlington Presbyterian church,..... | | 60 00 |
| " 19. | " " through | J. F. Matheson, Esq., from Mt. Zion church, 63 00 From Little Peedee church,..... 4 25 | | |
| | | | | <hr/> 67 25 |
| | | Less premium paid by him for chk. on Charleston,..... | 50 | 66 75 |
| " 23. | " " through | Rev. Mr. Girardeau, from Wappetaw church, Christ church Parish;..... | | 31 38 |
| " 27. | " " through | Mr. James H. Saye, collections Cane Creek church, Union District,..... | | 10 00 |
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Appropriated as follows.

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| " " " " | Paid Executive Committee's order for "expenses" on parcels, postage, Missionary pamphlets and cards,..... | 29 50 |
| " 28. | " " Paid Executive committee's order, to remit the balance of funds in hand, remitted in James Adger & Co's. draft on Brown, Brothers & Co., New York, in favor Rev. Daniel Wells, Treasurer, payable on presentation, for \$1387,31 c. a 1-2 per ct. premium..... | 1394 25 |

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THE SOUTHERN BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

In account with James Adger, Treasurer,

For the following Sums Received.

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| 1849. | | | | | |
| May 1. | By Cash | through | Rev. P. E. Bishop, | collection for the press, in Northern India, | 50 00 |
| " " | " " | " " | | Monthly Concert, Second Presbyterian Church, 29th April, | 27 20 |
| " 28 | " " | through | Mr. J. B. Bull, Treasurer, | monthly Concert, Willington Church, | 20 00 |
| June 2. | " " | " " | | Quarterly collection of the Juvenile Missionary Society of the 2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston, | 54 36 |
| " " | " " | " " | | From the Infant Class of 2d Presbyterian Church, | 2 80 |
| " 11 | " " | through | Mr. A. O. Norris, Treasurer of Foreign Missions of the Presbytery of South Carolina, | 128 75 | |
| | | | Also, to pay subscription of Mr. J. S. Reid, for Missionary Chronicle, | 50 | |
| | | | | | 129 25 |
| " " | " " | " " | | Monthly Concert, Second Presbyterian Church, 3d June, | 30 00 |
| " 28 | " " | through | Rev. E. Cater, as follows, | | |
| | | | From Lebanon Church, Harmony Presbytery, | 18 50 | |
| | | | From colored members Lebanon Church, for African Missionary, | 6 18 | |
| | | | From Salem Church, | 10 00 | |
| | | | | | 34 68 |
| July 3 | " " | " " | | Monthly Concert, Second Presbyterian Church, 1st. July, | 37 50 |
| " 9 | " " | through | | the Superintendants of the Sabbath School of the Presbyterian Church, Yorkville; being collection in the school for distribution of the Bible in Northern India, | 9 00 |
| " 30 | " " | " " | | For quarterly Collection of the Juvenile Missionary Society of the 2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston, | 44 25 |
| " " | " " | through | Mr. John B. Bull, for monthly Concert collections in Willington Church, S. C. | | 20 00 |
| Aug. 1 | " " | " " | Rev. D. J. Auld, annual collection of Purity Church, Bethel Presbytery, of which \$2 were given to assist the christians of Kirjath Moab, to build Church Edifices, | | 33 00 |
| " 7 | " " | " " | | From Wilton Presbyterian Church, being collection at monthly Concert—pr. Rev. Mr. Gildersleeve | 21 28 |
| " 8 | " " | " " | | Monthly Concert, Second Presbyterian Church, | 28 22 |
| Sept. 4 | " " | through | Rev. E. Palmer, collections Presbyterian Church, Walterborough, | 30 00 | |
| " " | " " | " " | | From Sabbath School, Walterborough, | 5 00 |
| | | | | | 35 00 |

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| " 10 | " | " | | From T. Bradshaw, being contribution from Hebron Church, Alabama, \$12 00, less Postage and Discount, 35 cts. | 11 65 |
| " 26 | " | " | through | Mr. W. P. McFadden, from Sabbath School, Hopewell Church, York Dist.. | 5 00 |
| Oct. 11 | " | " | " | L. E. Bonneau & Co. for monthly Concert, Willington Church, Abbeville.... | 20 00 |
| " | " | " | " | Rev. M. D. Fraser, monthly Concert, Mt. Zion, Winnsborough, from Oct. 1848 to Oct. 1849..... | 93 19 |
| | | | | By a little Girl, six years of age.. | 81 |
| | | | | | 94 00 |
| " 15 | " | " | | Monthly Concert collection, 2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston, 14th Oct. . . | 40 00 |
| " 24 | " | " | through | Rev. John Douglass, Pastor of James Island Church, South Carolina, col. from congregation..... | 15 00 |
| | | | | Ladies Sewing Society..... | 15 00 |
| | | | | Coloured members of the Church, 3 00 | |
| | | | | Rev. John Douglass,..... | 10 00 |
| | | | | Mrs. Francis C. Douglass..... | 10 00 |
| | | | | | 53 00 |
| Nov. 7 | " | " | through | Mr. Sidney Crane, monthly Concert collections, Presbyterian Church, Columbia, South Carolina..... | 150 00 |
| " 9 | " | " | " | Mr. John F. Matheson, collections Presbyterian Church, Cheraw..... | 30 00 |
| " 10 | " | " | " | Quarterly Collections of the Juvenile Missionary Society of the 2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston,..... | 42 02 |
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Appropriated as follows.

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| Oct. 8 | To paid Executive Committee's Order of this date for expenses incurred, | 17 00 |
| Nov. 13 | To paid Executive Committee's Order to remit to the Assembly's Board, seventeen dollars 50-100, for expenses in New York for Missionary Maps, &c. Remitted in James Adger & Co's. Draft, on Brown, Brothers & Co. New York, favor of Charles D. Drake, Treasurer, for \$17 50 1-4 pr. ct. pm.. | 17 54 |
| " " | To paid Executive Committee's Order to remit the balance of funds on hand to the Treasurer of the Assembly's Board. Remitted in James Adger & Co's Draft, on Brown, Brothers & Co. New York, favor of Charles D. Drake, Treasurer, on presentation, for \$985 21, 1-4 pr. ct. pm..... | 987 67 |

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Errors and omissions excepted.

Charleston, Nov. 13, 1849.

JAMES ADGER, Treasurer.

I have examined the above account and vouchers, and find them correct.

W. C. DUKES,

November 13th 1849.